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In undertaking this new department of school work, we think it proper to give a few words of explanation.

This is the first attempt that has been made, to our knowledge, to support a school paper, although the journalistic inclination has been shown by several little hand-printed sheets circulated among the students. We now propose to make the High School paper a permanency.

The Board of Education has thought favorably of this plan, and the teachers have kindly aided us in various ways. We have thus arrived, after much thought, at a plan by which the paper may be conducted satisfactorily to all concerned. The work of writing the paper will fall each year to the editors, who shall be elected from the highest class. We intend to have all the students take an interest in the paper, and, when necessary, to contribute. Thus the paper will be distinctively a school institution, and will form a part of the work, and be a means of education to the students in each succeeding class.

The object of the sheet is to give a reflection of school life, and hence will be valued by the members of the school, and of some passing interest, perhaps, to the parents, who are, indirectly, the patrons and supporters of the institution.

The paper will be valuable to graduates of the school, as it will contain news of those who have left us, and they will thus be informed of the whereabouts of their classmates, and of facts of interest in regard to them.

While the public may not find the NOTES of any great literary value, it will, at least, show that the pupils are wide-awake. We ask our readers not to criticise us too severely for a time, until the machinery runs more smoothly than at first.

To those who have kindly aided us by their subscriptions, and in other ways, we give our thanks, and hope that through our efforts they may, in some degree, be repaid.

We intend to make our school this coming year a success. In the first place we have a principal who is much respected and liked by all who come in contact with him. We have, in Mr. Wilson, a man who takes an active interest in all that promotes the welfare of the school, and who is always ready with a helping hand for any enterprise in which the scholars are interested. Thus having a corps of teachers established in the good will of the scholars, we are confident that all things will work together more harmoniously than ever before.

There is no graduating class this year, owing to some changes in the courses of study, but the "B Class" consider themselves as good as two ordinary classes, and thus hope to make up the deficiency. We intend to do our part in the work of the year, taking for our motto, as our Superintendent has suggested, "Loyalty to the School's best interests."

One of the first questions asked when it was proposed to erect a monument at Bunker Hill was, "What good will a monument do?" Perhaps some of our friends have followed in the line of their grandfathers and asked themselves

"What good will a school paper do?" Consider a few of the results which may flow from this attempt at unassuming journalism. This paper does not expect to displace the current magazines and reviews, but to occupy a little niche of its own.

It proposes to make the scholars better acquainted with matters of interest to them as members of the school, to encourage them in their attempts to do meritorious work by inserting in its columns specimens of their literary productions from time to time, and to broaden their knowledge of schools and school work outside of our own town. The careful reading which a pupil will give to a paper to which he himself and his schoolmates contribute, will cultivate a spirit of thoughtfulness which the hasty reading of daily and weekly papers does not encourage. Those who contribute to the paper must prepare their productions in such a way as to be satisfactory, in some measure, to those who are to read them. Rambling thoughts and loose ideas clumsily expressed will, it is hoped, become less through habitual care in writing. A widening of the range of intellectual vision is to be a natural result of this training.

Not alone are the scholars to be benefitted by the paper which now appears for the first time. The parents may become better acquainted with the direction of thought, the work of their children, and the whole range of school affairs from the standpoint of the scholars at large. We hope, too, that in due time the productions of their own young scions may adorn its columns.

Yet scholars and parents are not the only ones interested in the schools. We hope to do something worthy of those teachers under whose instruction we have been from year to year, and of the school officers who have cared for our interest during those years. The advertisers who have given us such kind assistance, we hope will find that we in turn will render to them at least equal favors and patronage. We realize that it has been frequently to please the scholars that advertisements have been given; we trust that a greater pleasure may be in store for you when you balance your cash account. Those who have never heard that there were schools in Rutland will learn that they have been mistaken in thinking Rutland any but the best place in Vermont.

These are a few of the results which may flow from this venture. It is to be hoped that there will be a continued growth and development, and that with "true loyalty to the schools' best interests" much may be done worthy of praise and hearty approval of friends of the school and education.

HELP A LITTLE.

With this issue, we shall send out a number of sample copies to those whom we think are interested in our school work. We hope that they will carefully examine our little sheet and, if they think it worthy of their patronage and worth the small sum we ask for it, will send their name and money to the Business Manager. In examining our paper, please remember that this is our first attempt, and that we will try and improve it in the future numbers. The editors may not have time to call on everyone, but do not let that make any difference. Show that your heart and pocket book are in the work, by sending your subscription.

SLAVERY.

The great Civil War, from 1861 to 1865, which cost the country $6,500,000-000 worth of property besides an untold number of lives, was indirectly caused by slavery.

Slavery, from the time when it was first introduced into America by the captain of a Dutch trading vessel in 1619, has had a great influence on the history of the Nation.

Slaves were first held in Virginia, and as their labor was found profitable, large numbers were afterwards imported, and the slave trade soon became as important a branch of business as the mercantile business. It gradually extended to the other Colonies, and at the adoption of the constitution in 1798 it existed in every state except Massachusetts.

From the beginning, it was evident that slavery in the Northern states would be altogether different from that in the Southern. In the colder North the people found it easier to do the work themselves than to compel the negroes to work. In the warmer South, however, the case was exactly reversed.

About ten years after the close of the Revolution, an event occurred which gave an impetus to the slave trade in the South. It was the invention of Whitney's saw-gin for cleansing cotton. Up to this time the cultivation of cotton in the Southern states had not been very profitable on account of the labor required to separate the seeds from the cotton; but by this invention the seeds were separated very quickly. As the soil and climate were especially favorable to the cultivation of this plant, it soon became one of the great industries of the South, and to this day it forms one of their principal products.

Cotton having been cultivated by slave labor, this invention tended to add greatly to the number of slaves in the Southern states, and as the income of the people depended largely on this slave labor, they naturally became active defendants of the system, while in the North the people found that they could do nearly as well without slaves as with them, and they began to look upon slavery as not altogether right.

It soon became the basis underlying all political actions. The admission of every new state was a signal for a conflict between the two parties as to whether it was to be admitted as a slave state or not, and as both Houses of Congress showed a disinclination to settle the question, a series of compromises was the result.

About the year 1830 anti-slavery societies began to be formed in several of the Northern states, and newspapers calling for the abolition of slavery were published. One of the earliest of these, the "Liberator," was published by William Lloyd Garrison, a Boston printer, in 1830, and continued to be printed until the abolition of slavery in 1865.

Under the conditions to which cotton culture had advanced in 1830, it seemed to the South nothing else than a proposal to destroy the whole industry of that section, and it was received with corresponding indignation. Abolitionists were taken and regarded as public enemies, and rewards were even offered for their capture. Their meetings were broken up, and their printing presses silenced if possible.

This abuse only served to draw the attention of the people to the subject, and some of the greatest men of the day were led at first, from sympathy with the individuals, but finally with the cause itself, to defend it.

Among these may be mentioned Wendell Phillips, who was one of the ablest supporters of the movement, Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and many other prominent men of the time.

In the year 1857, on account of the "Dred Scott decision," the slavery question again became the all absorbing topic of conversation. The election of 1860 lingered on this question, and as it had been previously announced by South Carolina that, if Lincoln was elected President, that state would withdraw from the Union, it was naturally an exciting one.

Lincoln was elected President and the Civil War followed. During the earlier part of this war, the Union generals were greatly troubled as to what disposition they should make of the fugitive slaves who had either been abandoned by their owners or else had run away, expecting to find protection inside the Union lines.

May 22nd, 1861, three fugitive negroes entered the camp of Gen. Butler at Fortress Munroe, stating that they were the property of a Confederate officer who was about to compel them to work on the Rebel defences. Gen. Butler heard their story, and being convinced of the truth of it said, "These men are contrabands of War." His action was approved by the Secretary of War, and until 1863 they were so treated.

In 1862 Abraham Lincoln issued the emancipation proclamation, which was

to go into effect Jan. 1st, 1863.

In 1864 Congress passed a law forbidding slavery in any part of the United States. This was ratified by twenty-seven of the thirty-six states, and on December 18th, 1865, it was declared to be a part of the Constitution, thus putting an end to slavery in the United States.

[The above has been selected by the Board of Editors as the best Essay written in the preceding two weeks.]

RHETORICALS.

The rhetorical exercises in the High School room, Friday afternoon, Oct. 4, were much enjoyed by all present.

The subject of the programme, which is given below, was "Slavery."

Slavery.....Grace French
The Christian Slave.....Julia Canty
Slavery (Essay).....Agnes Sedileau
The Plea of Philanthrophy... Walter Granger
Lines by Whittier.....Edith Dunton
Freedom.....Phillip Goulding
The Proclamation.....Jennie Carmody
The New Exodus.....Mary Donelly
The Slave's Dream.....Winthrop Davis
The Hunters of Men.....Gertrude French
Stanzas.....Walter Dunton
Never or Now.....Winnie Farrington
Slavery (Essay).....Alton Spafford
Hymn after the Emancipation Proclamation
.....L. Hazelton
How He Saved St. Michaels.....Lillian Heath

As a whole, the programme was a successful one.

One thing, however, is quite noticeable, and that is, that in speaking the girls stand far in advance of the boys. This seems very sad, and we sincerely hope that in the future our much respected brethren will do a *little* better, and we know that if they try they can equal, if not excel, the girls in this work.

Perhaps it would be well to say, also, that from the essays written by the members of the C and B classes of the High School, the best one written, every two weeks, will appear in the columns of the NOTES.

SINGING.

We cannot see that the singing of the High School has materially changed since the class of '89 left us. Indeed! the harmony is such that anyone needs at least two extra auditory nerves to hear the *music*, while if *noise* is not agreeable to his system, we would advise him to dispense with the two which he already posesses. It could not truthfully be described as "linked sweetness long drawn out," though it does take an intolerably long time to draw out "The moon is beaming o'er the lake."

The teachers *do* stay in the room during singing lesson this term, though I imagine by the look of *awful* agony that I have sometimes discerned on their countenances that they "would it were not so."

But in the future we intend to improve a great deal. We like our new music teacher, Miss Phinney, very much, and she has our promise of hearty support in the work which we are to do.

THE TIRED SCHOOL GIRL.

With heavy and aching head,
With weary and sleepless brain
A school girl sat in her room one night,
And thus gave voice to her pain :

"It's study by day and by night,
And it's study by night and by day,
Till a blur comes over my eyes,
And my brain seems oozing away.

"The studies are piled *so* high
That the weight seems breaking me down—
I wish I had wings and could fly
Away from the school and the town.

"It's study and study at school,
And it's study and study up here—
And I shudder beneath the rule
That awaits the failure I fear.

"All day and all night in my head,
With Algebra and Latin oppressed,
And at last when I crawl into bed
They haunt me and rob me of rest.

"It's oh, for a romp and a run
Again with a hoop or a ball,
And it's oh, to be out in the sun,
Away from "Old Cæsar" and all.

"It's study by day and by night,
It's study by night and by day,
Oh, surely it cannot be right
To study and never to play."

22 TO 11.

An alleged game of base ball was played last Saturday between some of the members of the High School nine, and the "Hustlers." The spectacle of several cattle interspersed among the fielders was amusing—the cows would have put up as good a game as the High School boys, had they been assigned positions. Bailey was the only one of the High Schools who really played ball, as the others made innumerable errors and were very weak at the bat.

The boys were beaten on their merits, or rather their want of merits, but a few remarks of our esteemed contemporary, Mr. Costello of the *Evening Telegram*, captain of the "Hustlers," may be misleading. The first statement of the *Telegram* was that it was a well-played game, and that the score was 22 to 10. It was not a well-played game, and the score was not 22 to 10. The nine which tried to play Saturday was not the nine which talked of going to Middlebury, the battery and infield being entirely different. Two of the "Hustlers," who put up the most creditable games, short-stop Gilrain and third-baseman Welch, are members of the school, and properly belong to the nine.

The weather was very raw and cold, which only proves the truth of the statement that it is a cold day when the R. H. S. nine cannot play ball.

OUR EXPLANATION.

Our pitcher was sick and
Our catcher was lame,
While our short-stop was playing
A very poor game.

The men on the bases,
Third, second and first,
Were trying to see who
Could play ball the worst.

The men in the out-field
Were fully as bad,
And each dropped the ball
Every chance that he had.

And to put these together,
Weak batting and all,
The R. H. S. Nine played
A great game of ball.

PERSONALS.

It is rumored that a quartette is to be formed from singers in the B. Class.

Several members of the High School attend Prof. Green's dancing class.

One visitor was present at the rhetorical exercises last Friday afternoon.

Mr. L. B. Folsom, former principal of the Rutland High School, is now in a publishing house in Boston.

John Spaulding, formerly a member of the B class, is at work in his father's store.

Ths R. H. S. nine intend to meet the "Hustlers" again on Saturday, Oct. 12, notwithstanding their recent defeat.

Chas. Allen, R. H. Sheldon and Leslie Perry are attending Mr. Perry's school.

A new bulletin board has been placed in the back part of our school room for the use of the editors of this paper.

So far this term, some of the best speaking has been done by the girls in the class of '92.

It is rumored that the cooking club recently formed by the girls of '93 has been dissolved by order of the health officer.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Temple, an editorial room has been secured in the High School building.

Why would it not be a good plan to begin thinking about an entertainment this winter for the benefit of the piano fund which Mr. Folsom started last year.

There has been some talk of starting a Debating club in this school. It seems a good move in the right direction, and we strongly advocate it.

Allen, '92, who has been sick for the last two weeks with a fever, has left school and expects to attend the Rutland English and Classical School.

Burnham, '93, left last Monday for Gettysburg to attend the dedication of Vermont monuments. He accompanied his father and intends to be away about two weeks.

Miss Grace Kershaw, formerly a member of the B class, has just returned from New York, where she has been spending her vacation.

Lewis P. Sheldon, formerly of the B class, is at the Albany Business College, playing foot ball and taking five studies. With his six feet two inches, he will be a very satisfactory representative at Albany.

An attempt is being made at Brandon to start a school paper. We wish them success in the enterprise, but from our experience so far, we can tell them that it is no easy task.

If the orchestra, of which there is some talk, is organized, it will probably consist of the following players: Sawyer, Campbell, Hinsman, Eastman, Paige and Stewart.

The "Euterpean" is the name of the new singing book that is to be introduced into the High School. It consists of a choice collection of popular choruses, quartets and part songs, especially designed for school use, selected and arranged by John W. Tufts, editor of the "Normal Music Course."

Many scholars of this school attend the rehearsals of the "Choral Union" which are held twice a week at the Congregational Church. This union is to sing at the convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies to be held in Rutland the last week in October.

The necessity of a good walk through the school yard has been shown during the late wet weather, the scholars having to wade through mud knee deep a great share of the way.

As an illustration of the brilliancy of the Grammar A Latin class, we give the following example: Agricolae sua arva arabant, meaning "The farmers ploughed their fields" was translated "The farmers pulled the frog through."

For the last two weeks about ten of the girls in the class of '92 have been noticed wearing badges of "old rose" colored silk. On inquiry it was found that they were members of a "secret society" which they have lately organized. The object and name of the society are the secrets. At their first meeting on Friday, Sept. 27, they elected the following officers: Pres., Miss Goodale; Vice-pres., Miss Norton; Sec. and Treas., Miss Cheney.

Since the beginning of the present term, some of the Grammar A pupils have entered the class of '92, and others have been taking two or more studies in the same year. We remember that when we were in that year we had plenty to do, and from the looks of our examination papers, we might have used more time to good advantage.

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The 19th Century.	Dec. 6.	5	2
Christmas.	" 13.	6	3

RHETORICALS, FRIDAY, SEPT. 27.

The Great Issue ..... Baldwin, Barton
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The Coast Guard ..... Burnham, Fritz
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The Unforgiven ..... Cheney, Lucy

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. Fred Warren, '88, is in the employ of Chappell & Burke, surveyors.

Miss Alice Prevost, '88, is in New York studying music.

Mr. Chas. Martell, '88, is in the Rutland Bazaar.

Miss Nettie Stewart, '88, is at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Mass.

Mr. Louis Fuller, '88, is at present engaged in carving monuments. Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Mr. Ray Munger, '89, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

Miss Anna Goulding, '88, is teaching in the graded School.

Miss Clauson, Miss McGuire and Miss Helen Gilson, all of the class of '89, have become "full-fledged school-marms."

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MANY pupils of this school will doubtless wish to attend the World's Fair at Chicago in 1892. This great and growing city is the chief center of American business activity, and the name Chicago is associated in the minds of all with the idea of Yankee energy and enterprise. Moreover, Chicago is now nearly at the center of population of our vast country. Those who were so fortunate as to hear a recent address by Rev. Mr. Phillips on the great West, remember that he spoke of it as the future city of North America. Is it not, therefore, fitting that a comprehensive view of American progress should be taken from the standpoint of what is considered the greatest as well as the typical city of our nation?

THE boys in the High School are very desirous of having a base ball team next year. We boys have had considerable difficulty in keeping any kind of organization or in arranging games. Whether all the neighboring clubs are afraid to play us, we are not able to state. This difficulty will be overcome by having a captain appointed and a regular nine with positions assigned. We have no very reliable players in the school at present, but by thorough practice we hope to be enabled to "play together" reasonably well. But now the great obstacle presents itself. We have no grounds. The only available place where a game can be played, in Rutland, is far out near the town limits; and even this is only obtainable by permission, at certain times of the year. We are, therefore, greatly in need of a place—even a small ground would be sufficient—where we can practice, and perhaps play games. Our Principal has shown an interest in the matter, and has expressed his willingness to help us as much as possible. We respectfully ask the School Board to consider how much better students we would make if we had a ball ground (!) We are in earnest about this, and hope that some time in the near future our wish, which we think a reasonable one, may be gratified. If the boys had a permanent organization and a ball ground, they feel confident that they could play the neighboring High School and other local teams—even the mighty "Hustlers," who now look down on them with smiling indulgence from their pinnacle of grandeur.

It is a well-attested fact in history that, among all discordant elements in well regulated communities, secret societies are one of the most dangerous. These leagues of men, bound by oath never to reveal the doings of the society, however base, must necessarily become dangerous to the general welfare and hostile to the best interests of law and order. When we call to mind the dread name of the Ku-Klux Klan and think how its baleful influence extended over almost the entire South, endangering the very lives of her most innocent citizens, we shrink from the thought of harboring such a monstrosity within the domains of our peaceful commonwealth. And yet, friends, the R. H. S. nourishes such a viper in her bosom! It is still more astounding that this conspiracy exists, not among our mischievous youths, who, in times past, have relished coasting better than Latin grammar, or have preferred golden silence to the melodious strains of a male chorus; but among our cherished maidens, who, we had hoped, would become an ornament to society and a blessing to those around them. The NOTES has taken it upon itself to give these weighty facts to the public; and hopes that the people, especially the School Board, may be awakened to a sense of their duty in regard to this matter. Let us arise, all of us who have been *bread* in the love of country, and all that *preserves* domestic tranquility; let us *catch-up* the war-cry and get ourselves into a *stew* over this affair, and *lettuce* bring them to justice and give them such a *dressing* that they will wish the had never gotten into such a *pickle*. They will probably die *game*, but let us burn the *fowl* conspirators at the *steak*. If the society is responsible for any assassinations of *pie*-ous people, or the like, let us *suet* for damages and give to all members their just *desserts*. Thus let us rise up and stamp out this curse, as the valiant Romans of *old rose* up and put down the vile conspiracy of Catiline and his allies.

ACCORDING to the belief of the Adventists, we are to shuffle off this mortal coil on Friday, the 25th. This, you will notice, is the day on which the NOTES is issued. This sheet, then, that you hold in your hand is our farewell issue. We sincerely repent of any untruths which may have appeared in our columns, and hope to launch out into eternity with a clear conscience.

On the eve of the awful event we would suggest that the following named persons should repent of their sins and spend in prayer and meditation the short period of earthly existence remaining to them:

All members of the "Old Rose" secret society; all persons who have not paid their dues to this paper; all boys who have taken their oath that they could not sing a scale; all members of the B class who are not working for subscriptions; all who have dark designs respecting next Hallowe'en, and especially all who have made irreverent remarks about the ball-nine and have not paid their sub-subscriptions for its support.

With these parting words of counsel the editors descend from their throne and don their ascension robes, hoping to meet their kind readers in that region where they, with all good Republicans, are destined to go.

THE success of any paper depends largely upon the interest which its readers take in it and the contributions of literary matter which it receives from subscribers and others. Weekly papers have regular contributors, who receive compensation for their labor. School papers receive contributions from the students. It ought not to be that a *school* paper with four or five editors should be supplied with all its reading matter by the editors alone. The scholars should take interest enough in the paper to supply a small amount of the reading matter. It cannot be expected that these four or five editors can be acacquainted with all matters of interest to the school. Even if they were, they might not be as well acquainted with a certain subject as a member of some other class. We know that there are literary geniuses in the lower classes as well as in our own, and we hope that they will intrust some of their better productions to our hands for publication.

As we said in our first issue, the paper is to give "a reflection of school life," also, "Our school this coming year is to be a success." Therefore, our paper this coming year will be a success. Very neat little syllogism, eh? Now is the time to subscribe.

PATRIOTISM IN SCHOOL.

What American boy or girl does not feel grateful for our system of public schools?

"I do not," says one. "I dislike school." How would you like to be set back to the time when public schools were not an important agent in the education of the people? Granting that we would not like this, what return should we make to this enlightened nation for the benefits conferred upon us?

Would it not be patriotic to use these opportunities for making ourselves more intelligent and useful citizens?

Will not the one who is disposed to keep the rules of the school be more likely to be the law-abiding citizen, than the one who is constantly breaking some rule because of the slight wickedness in so doing which makes it funny?

Perhaps this idea may not coincide with the ideas of others. If not, let us have an article to the contrary in this journal, which is in its infancy and whose contributors may need correction.

VERMONT PATRIOTS.

The people of Vermont have always been patriotic in every sense of the word, from the earliest times of our history down to the present time.

No State was quicker than she in responding to President Lincoln's call for 15,000 troops on the 15th of April, 1861, and later, when he called again for 300,000.

In her early days, Vermont was called upon to defend her own interests and territory, and there were brave and patriotic men willing to risk their lives in her defence.

Of course there are many men, and women, too, whose bravery will never be known, but Vermont has a few heroes of whom she may be justly proud, whose names deserve being written with those of Washington and Grant and Lincoln. I can mention three of these heroes of her early days; they are Ethan Allen, Seth Warner and Gen. Stark.

I consider Ethan Allen the greatest, but this may be all prejudice, for I have always admired him for his sterling qualities.

He was a brave and generous soldier and a law-abiding citizen, who took up arms only when he was forced to defend that law which he held sacred and to protect his State (though it wasn't a State then) against the encroachments of another. He was, as you all know, the main actor in the taking of "Old Ti," as it was familiarly called. We can all imagine the fright of the astonished officer when Allen, in a "voice of thunder," demanded the surrender of the fort "In the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress."

Warner also helped in the capture of Ticonderoga; he also had a hand in the capture of Crown Point, the battle of Bennington and several other engagements.

Gen. Stark will always be identified with the battle of Bennington by his well-known saying when encouraging his men, "Now, my men, there are the red-coats. Before night they must be ours or Mollie Stark will be a widow."

These three are but the more prominent ones. There were many more who did just as much in their several ways.

Vermont was the first State admitted into the Union. After the Revolution she had a period of rest, which she improved by enacting wise and conscientious laws for her future good. We, who are now receiving their benefit, can testify to their wisdom.

The breaking out of the Civil War found the militia of Vermont, as well as most the other Northern States, in a disorganized and inefficient condition, but prompt and decisive measures were adopted which resulted in Vermont doing a great deal more than was expected of her.

When the war first broke out it was supposed that should she send three regiments and keep their constantly deci-

mating ranks filled by new enlistments she would be taxed to the extent of her capacity. In the four years, however, she furnished eighteen regiments, three batteries and three detached companies. The original enlistments and recruits sent forward to the several organizations to fill their decimating ranks from time to time, made an aggregate of 34,238 men, at an expense of $9,087,353, of which $5,215,787 was expended by the several towns, without expectation of repayment. Can any State show a greater degree of patriotism? I think not. Indeed, I believe you will all agree with me in saying that one has only to be born, or live, among the "Green Mountains" to be a patriot.

BASEBALL.

SECOND GAME.

The R. H. S. nine met the Hustlers again on Saturday, Oct. 12. The game was a continual kick from beginning to end, the most of which being done by first baseman Kimball of the Hustlers. He not only played first base, but attempted to umpire the game, and in many other ways made himself decidedly offensive. The game was called at the end of first half of seventh inning, and so the score went back to the sixth inning, when it was tied. The game was not called on account of darkness but because the ball and bat belonging to the R. H. S. had been stolen. The game rightly should have been given to the School nine by the score of 9 to 0, as the "Hustlers" refused to play the game out. Bailey, 2d base for the H. S., sprained his knee in the fourth inning, while at bat. He hit the ball in such a manner as to wrench his knee, obliging him to retire for the rest of the game. Lane, who has been sick for the last few weeks, attempted to play 1st base, but was obliged to give up at the end of the 5th. Steele, left field, was away. Sawyer, s. s., was sick, and a careful count of the players in the 6th inning dicovered only four High School men. The features of the game were Leonard's batting, Baldwin's pitching and the general playing of Gilrain and Eggleston. Not a safe hit was made off Baldwin until the 5th inning, while Macauley of the "Hustlers" was knocked out of the box in the 4th inning and retired in favor of Naylon. The weather was cold and disagreeable, but the game was played far better than the first, the players on both sides being determined to win. In the first half of the 7th the H. S. nine made three runs, putting them in the lead, then the Hustlers began to "kick," claiming that it was too dark to play. This claim was not allowed by the umpire, but on play being resumed it was found that the R. H. S. ball and bat were gone, so the game was called. A summary of the game is as follows:

HUSTLERS.

POS.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	A.	P.O.	E.
Gilrain, s. s.	4	1	0	2	2	1
Naylon, l. f. and p.	4	2	0	0	0	1
Kimball, 1 b.	4	1	1	1	7	0
Costello, c.	4	1	1	0	4	1
Welch, 3 b.	3	1	1	1	2	2
Howley, 2 b.	3	1	0	3	1	1
Macauley, p. and l. f.	3	0	0	1	2	2
Keefe, c. f.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Morris, r. f.	3	0	1	0	0	1
	31	8	5	8	18	9

R. H. S.

POS.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	A.	P.O.	E.
Eggleston, s. s.	3	2	0	4	0	1
Bailey, 2 b.	3	2	0	2	2	1
Baldwin, p.	3	0	0	2	2	2
Leonard, r. f.	3	0	2	0	0	0
Lane, 1 b.	3	0	0	0	8	4
Poronto, l. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Davis, c. f.	3	1	0	0	0	0
Parkhurst, c.	3	1	0	0	4	2
Miner, 3 b.	2	2	2	0	2	2
	26	8	4	8	18	12

Two base hits—Leonard Kimball, Costello, Keef and Morris. Double play—Baldwin and Lane. Base on balls—Eggleston, Bailey (2), Davis, Parkhurst, Gilrain and Naylon. Hit by pitched ball—Eggleston, Bailey. Passed balls—Parkhurst, 2; Costello, 3. Struck out—Lane (4), Davis, Naylon, Macauley and Keefe. Time of game—One hour and forty-five minutes. Umpire—Foley.

The "Sarcasm" is the name of a small paper written by girls of Grammar A, which made its first appearance on Monday, Oct. 7. The paper is rightly named, as its chief object seems to be to make sarcastic remarks about the rival cooking club in High School C.

RHETORICALS.

THERE were two visitors present to listen to the rhetorical exercises which took place in the High School room Friday afternoon, Oct. 11. The subject was *Music*. The following is the programme:

Saint Cecilia.....Alice Naylon
Essay, Music.....Nellie Toohey
The Music of the Spheres.....James Gilrain
Song of the Bell.....Maggie Mangan
The Poet.....Bessie Faulkner
*The Slave Trade.....J. Goulding
The Finding of the Lyre.....Sydney Gorham
The Shepherd of King.....Grace Farmer
Essay, Music.....Cassie Willis
A National Tune.....Carl Hinsman
Goodminster Chimes.....Susie Long
Music in England.....Myrton Hill
The Singers.....Lillian Howe
The Benefit of Music.....Robert Gilmore
The Minstrel.....Marion Haven
Essay, St. Cecilia.....Blanche Verder
The Singers.....Florence Nims
The New Church Organ.....Alice Long
Alexander's Feast.....Emma Hussey

* Excused from the preceding exercise on Slavery.

This programme was quite successfully carried out, and altogether the rhetorical hour was quite enjoyable.

The subject of rhetorical exercises in the High School, Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, was "Patriotism," and the following programme was carried out:

Singing.....School
Freedom.....Bessie Norton
Essay, Francis Marion.....Earl Clauson
America.....Grace Potter
Love of Country and Home.....May Jackson
Our National Banner.....Arthur Keyes
Essay, Reproduction of Story of Suanage Bay..Nettie Douglas
Angels of Buena Vista.....Grace North
Joan of Arc.....Willie Seargent
The Soldier's Return.....Anna Kelley
Essay, William Gladstone.....Lucy Cheney
Sherman's March.....Bessie Pond
Freedom and Patriotism.....Arthur Lewis
Seventy-Six.....James Sawyer
Our State.....Daisy Hutchinson
Essay, Vermont Patriotism..J. H. Eggleston
Pilgrim Fathers.....Belle Pelton
Singing.....School

The above programme, though perhaps not quite as successful as some of the preceding ones, was an interesting and enjoyable one. We hope, however, the people in the vicinity of the schoolhouse will not favor us with quite as much noise as they did last Friday.

REVERIE.

One moonlight night in June,
The air being soft and still,
I stood on the bridge by the wayside
And list to the sound of the rill.

'Twas a fitting night for reverie,
And my mind went back to the past,
As I thought of many happy days
Which had flown away so fast.

I knew it was time for returning,
But I lingered on until
I heard the strokes of the midnight hour,
Peal out from the church on the hill.

I had thought of the days of my boyhood,
I had thought of the time when a youth,
I had lingered so long on that bridge,
Trying to reason out truth.

Then I thought how my poor lone mother,
Might be watching for me at the pane,
And I vowed that no matter what happened,
I would never be late again.

I have kept my vow, dear reader,
As long as 'twas in my power,
And never since then have I on the bridge been,
When the clock pealed forth the hour.

NOTES.

Miss Carrie Porter, formerly a member of the class of '92, is teaching school.

Six different umpires officiated during the game.

Lane, '93, who has been sick for some time, returned to school last Monday.

Bailey, who injured his knee in the game is out, but his knee is still very weak.

The Rhetoricals this week were held on Wednesday instead of Friday afternoon.

Miss Alice L. Dexter, a former member of the class of '91, is teaching school near Mendon.

Dunton, '93, left Tuesday on the excursion to New York, where he expects to remain about a week.

Garrett, a member of the Grammar A class last year, is now attending the Troy Conference Academy at Poultney.

An attempt is being made to form a chess club among the young people of the town. If it proves successful there will probably be a series of games in the Y. M. C. A. parlor, which no doubt will be enjoyed by many lovers of the game.

Eggleston says that he expects to have the Vermont war debt figured down to a finer point than he did in his last essay.

Lane evidently did not have his "batting clothes" on in the game, as he struck out every time he came to the bat.

The H. S. nine have been informed by one of the "Hustlers" that the bat and ball stolen from them can be obtained for a dollar.

The next motto to be painted on the classic walls of the Rutland High School room will be that of the "class of '91." What shall it be?

The first number for this year of the "Undergraduate," the college paper in Middlebury, is to be published in a few days.

The new singing books seem to be much enjoyed by all, if any one can judge by the decided improvement in singing.

The "Hustlers" and "Printers" had a game of ball on Saturday, Oct. 19. The game was called at the end of the sixth inning. Score — Hustlers, 11; Printers, 22.

The inscription on Vanderbilt's "coat of arms," as seen on his "Tally-Ho" coach which passed through here a short time ago, is "Sans Crainte," two French words, meaning "Without Fear."

We intend to commence soon a series of articles on various subjects written by prominent men in town, which, no doubt, will be much enjoyed by all of our readers.

The "Zenith" is the name of the paper published in the interest of the Brandon High School. It is a four-page paper with no cover. The first number appeared last week.

The pleasant weather of the last two weeks has been enjoyed very much by the boys of the High School. They have spent most of their time out of school in the Main street park playing ball. There are many trees in the park, and it is not, therefore, a very good place to play, but it's as good as the town affords.

It is said that the Boston Baseball nine attribute their recent defeat to the intemperate habits of some of their men. This cannot be said of the R. H. S. nine.

Lane and Parkhurst of the H. S. nine played with the "Hustlers" in their game with the "Printers" on Saturday, Oct. 19.

Miss Caddie E. Sleeper, formerly of the B class, who was obliged to leave school on account of her health, has returned from Claremont, N. H., where she has been for the past ten weeks.

It was stated in the last issue that Mr. Lewis Sheldon was attending the Albany Business College. We should have said that he was at the Albany Academy under President Warren.

The treasurer of the High School Baseball fund reports that all but about fifty cents of the amount subscribed has been paid. He also reports that he has noticed no perceptible increase in the amount since the last two games played by the nine.

A Liddell & Scott Greek Lexicon has recently been placed in the High School room. It is of such size that the members of the Greek class are obliged to exercise muscle as well as brains in using it, but they are, nevertheless, delighted with it.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. Alfred Turner, '88, is at Amherst College.

Miss Lena Curtis, '89, is at the Monroe School of Oratory in Boston.

Mr. Charles Woodward, '89, is now engaged as a clerk in the Post Office.

Mr. Charles Peabody, '89, is employed in the sealing room at the Scale Works.

Miss Laura Cheney, '86, is at the Training School for Teachers in Oswego, N. Y.

Miss Fannie Pierce, '89, is at the Vermont University in Burlington.

Miss Sue Sheldon, '88, is in Europe, where she will study German for a year.

Mr. J. W. Putnam, '87, who is in Dartmouth College, has been elected a member of the College Glee Club.

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HALLOWE'EN has gone by. The customary Reign of Terror was partially prevented by the rain of water, (terra giving place to aqua), but the elements cannot wholly baffle Young America when the latter is in quest of a good time.

While none of us, not even the editors, can lay claim to any exalted virtue in this regard, we think, seriously, that during the short holiday when the ordinary rules of decorum are suspended, some slight degree of judgment should still be exercised, and that those on pleasure bent should keep a few brains in their heads, and confine their performances to those which shall not cause serious annoyance, and not, at least, destroy property. In other words, we think there is a line which they should be careful not to step over. This does not refer to a line stretched across a sidewalk about four inches from the ground, with felonious intent, but to a line which may easily be drawn in the mind of any reasonable young person.

WE have heard a great deal of learned argument on the topic of the proper mode of inflicting capital punishment. While the different theories advanced may be very ably supported, we think this phase of the question is of no importance whatever, until we have decided the primary, the vital question, of whether capital punishment itself is wise. While we do not deny that in times when the government is unstable and cannot control its criminals by any other means, and in times of war, the execution of its dangerous characters seems the only expedient plan, yet we think that in times of peace when the government is supreme and the laws can be enforced, a much safer and more reasonable, and certainly a more just method can be found. In other words, while the execution plan is more convenient to the government, it is not true justice to the criminal. The government has no right to assume that because a man, no matter how depraved he may seem, has committed an act by which he forfeits his rights as a respectable citizen, he is beyond reclaim and

that he should be gotten out of the way, like some noxious weed, instead of a human being with a mind and soul like any one of us. We do not say that we should temper justice with mercy, but that justice itself demands that the laws of nature should not in this way be violated.

When we read of heinous crimes, and of conspiracies actuated by as revolting sentiments, we sometimes wish that the old custom of burning at the stake might be revived, but when we think of it dispassionately, we see that it is much more sensible to try to make a good citizen out of the criminal, and to give him a chance to reclaim himself.

The economical question ought not to enter into consideration at all, but even if it did, it could be easily answered. If he is humanely treated and given employment which will occupy his time and thoughts, he will pay for his own support and can hardly fail to become better morally. If he does not reform, the government will have done its part, and fulfilled its whole duty to the man as a fellow-creature. Doesn't this seem reasonable?

There has been some talk of cutting down the few elm trees in the rear of the school building, and one of these trees has already been felled. We wish to enter our protest against destroying this pretty feature of the school ground. The trees are not large or dense enough to give an unhealthful abundance of shade, but, for a short time in the spring, serve as a beautiful screen, full of birds, to protect the windows from the glare of the sun. We think it would be barbaric to cut them down, and can imagine no excuse for so doing, except for economical reasons, and if such is the case, and the supply of cord-wood has run low, we will circulate a subscription to replenish it.

"Why don't you start up foot-ball in Rutland?" We have heard this question asked so often that we have been at last waked up, and one of our bad boys has succeeded in scraping up enough money to procure one of these implements of destruction. But as we said in our last issue, we have no grounds. We dislike to be always groaning, but boys without a campus feel somewhat like monkeys without tails. So excuse these tears.

We hear that Rosa Bonheur is painting Buffalo Bill. We think the artist would find a more remarkable subject for one of her great animal paintings in the person of Mr. J. L. Sullivan of Boston, candidate for member of Congress on the Democratic ticket.

In this connection:—Mr. Sullivan, in a recent letter written for publication respecting his nomination, said that he thought that a man, who, by his personal prowess, had put down a mob in Madison square, ought to be able to take care of the Congress of the United States. We would suggest that Mr. Sullivan's proper field of usefulness would consequently be found in the position of sergeant-at-arms; and considering the eminent service he has rendered in upholding law and order, we would recommend his appointment.

The Board of Trade, in a recent meeting, considered the question of a Hospital for Rutland. It has occurred to us that since foot-ball has started in, not only will the Hospital be a pressing necessity, but there will also be good business openings for two or three undertakers and a crutch factory.

WAR.

War is a conflict, for the purpose of attaining a desired end, carried on between two or more nations, colonies or peoples.

However different wars may be, the principles which cause them are limited in number. They are: Rebellion, either against oppression or as an aggressive act, desire for conquest or the extension of sovereignty; the wish to maintain the territory and often the honor of a country, and maliciousness or the private enmity of one sovereign against another.

In the beginning of history war was necessary, but as civilization advances and with it the ability to settle difficulties peaceably, the need of wars becomes less, but their frequency does not. The present condition of Europe, with France, Germany, Russia and England ready at the shortest notice to send forth armies against each other, illustrates the truth of this statement. The greed which our own mother-country, England, has for territory, has caused her to do many acts of cruelty and oppression, and to make some costly mistakes, one of which, happening about one hundred and fifteen years ago, gave her persecuted colonists in America an opportunity to bring on with her the only praiseworthy kind of war—that of rebellion against oppression, and to found, after eight years of fighting and hardships, a nation whose honor and glory has never been dimmed by unjust wars.

Germany is the most warlike nation of Europe and the best prepared for emergencies of a warlike nature. Every German is liable to a term of 12 years service in an army which is the pride of the patriotic Germans, and the admiration of military men of all countries. This force, amounting in war times to over one million men, causes an annual expenditure of $92,500,000. The Russian army is larger than the German and costs $144,000,000 annually to maintain, but the United States, which can put an army of 3,500,000 men in the field, expends annually only $37,000,000.

Of the ancient nations, Rome was the most proficient in the art of war, and the Roman leaders pushed their conquests in all parts of the known earth, in Britain, Gaul, Germany and even in Asia Minor and Africa (Egypt), until Rome controlled the larger part of this limited world.

The first battle of which we have any detailed account was that of Thymbra, between Cyrus the Great and Crœsus. Since then about twenty decisive battles from Maranthon to Gettysburg, have decided the fate of a nation or a people.

In 1066 a Norman nobleman, Duke William, invaded England and conquered it in a single engagement—the battle of Hastings. He ascended the throne and is known in history as William the Conqueror. From him descended the Norman line of English kings.

In the beginning of the present century Napoleon Bonaparte succeeded by good generalship, in getting into his control a large part of Europe. This ambitious man invaded Italy, conquered other lands and became Emperor of France. The English and Prussians formed an alliance for the purpose of liberating and restoring to their former conditions those countries which Bonaparte, "the soldier of fortune," had conquered.

The allies under the command of the Iron Duke—Wellington—the liberator of the Crimea, marched against Napoleon Bonaparte, the conqueror of Italy.

All the world knew of the importance of the conflict, and eagerly waited to learn the fate of Europe. The meeting of the armies happened near Waterloo, Belgium, and on the 18th of June, 1815, 22,000 of the allies bought the freedom of Europe wiih their lives. The charge of Bonaparte's Old Guard had failed and the peaceful fields around the ~~fair~~ house of Hougoumont had become the scene of the fiercest battle of modern times. Creasy in the "Decisive Battles of the World" and Victor Hugo give the best descriptions of it. The latter's is very thrilling, and in it he recounts how a depression — "The Hollow Field of Ohain" was filled to the level of the surrounding field with the bodies of French and Allies—representatives of three great nations united in a common death and burial.

They say that war promotes patriotism, but such a conflict as this cannot fail to inspire a horror of a scheming man, who for his own benefit sends thousands of his countrymen to their death. It may not be long before National disputes may be settled peaceably, for surely

> "Peace hath her victories,
> No less renowned than war."

The Burlington "Cynic" has been received by us as an exchange. Everyone knows, who has seen a copy that it is the best paper of the kind in the State, and one would have to go a good way outside to find an equal.

C. E. CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the Vermont State Societies of Christian Endeavor was held in Rutland on Oct. 30 and 31. The meeting was presided over by Rev. D. R. Lowell of the Methodist church, President of the State Union. Two delegates from each of the societies in the State were in attendance, besides many ministers, making in all about three hundred visitors. For some time preceeding the convention the members of the local societies were active in their preparations for it, and no pains were spared to make it a complete success. Most of the delegates arrived either on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning, and were entertained either at private houses or at the hotels. The members of the local societies and the delegates wore badges; the local societies being distinguished from the delegates by pink badges, while the delegates wore green. Music was furnished by a chorus formed from the singers of the three local societies, who have been rehearsing for the last four weeks. The first large meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon. After this session the visitors were given a supper provided by the ladies. The Wednesday evening session was attended by over one thousand people. So large was the crowd that every seat in the church was taken, making it necessary to bring in chairs. At this meeting Hon. Wm. P. Dillingham, Governor of Vermont, was present and made a brief but interesting speech. This was followed by an excellent address on "Duty," by Rev. T. U. Chapman. On Friday a full day's work was put in, meetings being held from half-past six in the morning until half-past nine at night. In the afternoon Rev. F. E. Clark, or "Father Endeavor" Clark, as he is more commonly called, was present and answered questions prepared by the pastors of the various churches, regarding Christian Endeavor. Rev. Mr. Clark is the founder of the Christian Endeavor and President of the "United Societies." In the evening the attendance was as large, if not larger, than the previous evening. Mr. Clark again spoke, delivering a very interesting address, containing excellent advice concerning the Christian Endeavor movement. Everything during the two days passed off smoothly, and it was, in all, a very successful convention. The entertainment committee was very efficient in its services, and some went so far as to take some of the young lady delegates to visit the marble quarries at West Rutland. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. T. U. Sault, St. Albans; Vice-Presidents, M. S. Sawyer, Rutland; Rev. H. A. Stark, Burlington, and Rev. C. O. Day, Brattleboro; Secretary and Treasurer, E. E. Towner of Montpelier. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at St. Johnsbury.

AMERICAN LITERATURE.

One of the three studies in the English course of the B class is American Literature. We find this very broad subject so interesting that we cannot help but enjoy it.

In studying an author our plan is to collect from different sources and tabulate personal items, incidental references to the author, names of the author's prose writings and poems, contemporary prose writers and poets, both English and American, and quotations from the author. We also read some one of the author's works in class, while each one is expected to read at least one of his works outside of class work.

The first writer that we studied was Washington Irving, "The Addison of American Literature." It is not necessary for us to speak of the amount of pleasure we enjoyed while studying this most illustrious author.

During our recitations we read from the "Sketch Book."

Perhaps this year's literature class has enjoyed reading "History of New York," "Alhambra," "Bracebridge Hall," and "Crayon Miscellany," as well as any of Irving's works.

As the time for the study of each author is limited, we were obliged to leave Irving "too soon."

We are now studying Nathaniel Hawthorne. Although quite different from Irving, we enjoy him very much. We are now reading his "Tanglewood Tales" in class, while each of us is engaged in some other one of his works outside of class.

Of course our work in literature while at school is simply to form a cornerstone for the reading which we expect to do hereafter, and enable us to know and appreciate good things in literature.

We expect to enjoy our work in literature more, and we predict for the C's a most interesting study in their next year's course.

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY.

That large and dusty spider's web in the northwestern corner of the schoolroom, probably contains a very learned spider, as a remark of his which I overheard caused me to believe that he has fed upon nothing but chalk dust and classical knowledge since school began.

It was thus: As I came from recitation one morning, walking behind a long row of girls I heard him softly but sadly ejaculate, as the last young lady passed by, "Ah, me! there are no flies on them."

After mature deliberation I have come to the conclusion that this exclamation was not intended as a bit of complimentary slang, but that the spider had at last rebelled against his diet of Greek, chalk dust and Latin, and was yearning for better things. I have since interviewed him, but he refused to say anything whatever on the subject.

DIANA.

One day Diana had hunted the stag from early sunrise to the middle of the day, on the mountains surrounding the sacred valley in which she lived. As the sun rose to the zenith and poured its rays even through the branches of the pines overhead, the huntress began to long for repose, for the chase had been long and hard and little success had rewarded her efforts. She searched and soon found a place of rest—a stretch of springy moss beside a mountain brook. She sank upon it, leaving her bow and javelin ready beside her, her hound lying at her feet.

The tumbling of the brook and the noise of the gentle breeze through the pines and cypresses above her soon brought sleep to her eyes, but her faithful dog kept awake lest harm should come to his mistress.

As Diana slept she dreamed of a hunt, so strange a one she had never seen. She saw in a vision two youths of strange apparel, with long tubes in their hands, going with the greatest care through a leaf-strewn wood; looking on all sides of them and even in the trees. "Surely," thought Diana, "no beast or bird of sufficient size to hunt can require such close examination to discover, in an open wood like this."

Even as she thought, one of the youths raised his tube—a loud noise and much smoke came from it. He rushed forward, and, picking up a small animal, held it up to the view of his companion, and, saying one word which sounded to Diana like "Chipmunk!" sat down on a fallen tree and severing its tail from its body, cast the main part away.

Diana was horrified. To kill such a useless creature with so much noise and effort (although Diana did not know how it was done), seemed to her a foolish and silly thing.

"Is the great sport of which I am the patron to become so degenerated that men shall spend their time in hunting down the very vermin of the earth?"

This thought put her in a very melancholy mood, from which she was roused by another noise from one of the tubes, this time further off. She followed the sound and saw the same operation performed many times before the youths left the woods, which they did as the sun was sinking. They mounted a strange vehicle, which was attached to a beast of burden—a horse, and as they drove off in the gloaming they applauded each other and spoke of what good success they had had, and how the woods were "teeming with animal life."

Diana awoke as the sun was sinking, and, followed by the hound, walked down the mountain. She soon came to

the cave, her home, and her maids, the nymphs, came to attend her, but, unheeding them, she threw herself on the ground at the edge of the fountain and for a long time lay deep in thought.

NON-DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

1 Will the "NOTES" please *note* and make mention,
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2 And they dare to make the assertion,
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And its *floury* zeal will grow colder,
Ere its *thorns* scratch out the G. T.

NOTES.

It's foot-ball now.

What color do you admire most, "Blue" or "Old Rose?"

What has become of the debating club?

Miss Clementine Anthony, formerly a member of the B class, who has been ill with the typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

Rutland was represented at St. Albans convention by the following teachers: Mr. Wilson, Misses Walker, Kelley, Ruggles, Barnard and Meldon.

Congratulations are being showered upon Mr. Steele, because of his recent triumph in securing the position of treasurer in the Y. P. S. C. E. We hope he has no dark designs concerning Canada.

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—Ex.

Two new scholars were added to the Grammar A class, last week.

Members of the High School are frequently seen in Rutland Free Library after school at night, looking up references for essays.

The attendance at the session of school, during the recent Y. P. S. C. E. Convention, was somewhat smaller than usual.

One of the members of the B class expects to have some of her work in painting on exhibition at one of the art stores in town, in a few weeks.

If the members of the book keeping class don't begin their cash account, they will, according to Mr. Wilson, find themselves poor at the end of the year.

Miss Grace Kershaw, who formerly belonged to the class of '91, is now employed as stenographer and type-writer in the office of G. H. Reynolds.

Prof. Farley, teacher of writing in the State Normal School at Trenton, N. J., visited the R. H. S. last week and gave the pupils a very entertaining and instructive talk on writing, illustrating his lesson with drawings on the black-board.

We understand that the artist, Miss Olds, formerly of Boston, who is to open a studio in Rutland, has been engaged to give lessons in the Rutland English and Classical School.

Samples of cooking done by the members of the "Old Rose" club can be had by applying to any of the members. If any one wishes to be absent from school a few weeks just sample some of their goods.

Prof. Wilson has given notice that he will, hereafter, hold an informal reception in the library on Saturdays at 9 A.M. He will then be "at home," to those desiring to talk with him on any subject.

At 7:30 P. M., Saturday, Nov. 9, there will be a meeting of young people at the Y. M. C. A. parlors for the purpose of forming a chess and checker club. All members of the association between the ages of 15 and 21 are cordially invited to be present.

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HAVE you ever seen a sperm whale? If so, you remember that it has a very peculiar top-heavy appearance, caused by the fact that its mouth is too large in proportion to the rest of its body, and also to the size of its brain. Its mouth, indeed, is so large that it obstructs the whale's eyesight and gets the latter into trouble. It is then used as a weapon of of defense. While feeding, the whale's mouth is wide open, and absorbs thousands of jelly-fishes, etc.

Corporal Tanner reminds us of a whale. If you do not see the comparison read this over again, carefully. The jelly-fishes refer to the soft individuals, modern Jonahs, who are "taken in" by the Corporal's enormous mouth, and by his wonderful generosity with other people's money.

He has now kindly condescended to save President Harrison the trouble of appointing a new cabinet officer, and will henceforth flounder in vain in shallow water.

THE question of the proper mode of inflicting capital punishment seems comparatively easy to answer. We have never yet heard a convincing argument against electricity, as the best method of execution. One thing which has been used as an argument against it is the little incident of the New York criminal who prefers to be hanged. How absurd, to be influenced by the criminal's own opinions in regard to the best way of executing his own death penalty. Moreover, we have heard of just such cases. It is natural that a man should object to trying the new process, simply because it is new, and no one has suffered the same mode of punishment before him. The man evidently has a superstitious horror of it because he feels himself utterly at the mercy of a mysterious power which is so intangible that he is unable to meet it calmly. But when we consider the facts, how absurd this seems, and how infinitely absurd to prefer hanging to this instantaneous and painless death. To illustrate, here is a little clipping from the N. Y. Tribune of Nov. 14, describing a little episode at a New Jer-

sey execution: "The noose failed to tighten and the rope slipped around on the wretched man's neck. He groaned and shrieked, and finally succeeded in freeing his hands sufficiently almost to reach the rope. The struggle lasted for two or three minutes, until the hangman got the noose under the chin. After fifteen minutes the physicians announced that the heart had ceased to beat, and ten minutes later the body was cut down." Such cases are frequent. Hanging is a hideous relic of barbarism, in comparison with which the dreaded guillotine seems merciful, even gentle. We hope it will not be long before this custom will be forever abolished, and the more humane and efficient process used, when capital punishment may seem necessary.

SINCE our last issue eight hanging lamps have been suspended in the school room to accommodate the night school. One or two thoughts have been suggested to us while gazing around on the new ornaments. Painted on the wall in bright red letters is this motto, "Lux scientiæ semper lucit."

We have all seen representations of Science in the old-fashioned paintings—beautiful, glorious Science, holding aloft in a kind of Bartholdi-statue attitude, a saucer full of grease in which a wick burns and sheds its beams around, enlightening the world. That was the method in ancient times, in the old Greek and Roman days. That was the best light Science had in those days. But since that age such men as Franklin and later the great Edison, have been trying to get Science a new light. We do not think she would be satisfied with her old lamp now. If some great artist should represent Science holding in her hand an electric light globe, we would condemn the picture as prosaic; yet we venture to say that a thousand years from now the electric light will look fully as poetic as the saucer of grease. Now we haven't meant to say anything against the old kerosene lamp, but we must admit that it is amusing to see a row of these relics of departed glory hung up in front of such a grand motto. And yet—Thud! Down comes a big drop of kerosene oil on this paper. We think the oil is meant to soothe the troubled waters, and so we will stop here; we are letting our imagination run away with us.

THE subject of foot-ball is worn out, we know, (and we might also add that our foot-ball itself is nearly so), but we will say just one word more. One of our number, quite a shining light in the base-ball way, when asked why he did not participate in the sport, said, "I do not wish to engage in any sport in which the main object of the players is to kill or wound their fellow-men." We object to being accused of indulging in any such barbaric practice, and state, for the benefit of the ignorant, that foot-ball is *not* a species of gladiatorial combat, as some seem to suppose, nor do the players take the part of wild beasts in the arena. It is true, the exercise is very vigorous, even violent, and only those who are strong physically can stand much of it; but as to its being dangerous to life and limb, let us hear no more of that—the joke has seen its best days.

THE NOTES has been made happy by a new curtain for the editorial room. We wish to express our thanks to the School Board not only for this, but for the help which they have given us in many ways. As most school and college papers are monthlies, it will be seen that we have undertaken a good deal in supporting a bi-weekly paper, and all the help which we have received has been very thoroughly appreciated. The NOTES has thus far been a success, we think, and we hope to make it so in the future.

THE editorial chair prostrates itself before the "Old Rose" Society and humbly begs pardon for any and all insinuations which it has made against their character or cooking. They have heaped coals of fire on our heads.

We hope that all subscribers who have not paid their dues will remit the same to the Business Manager *at once*.

CRITICISM.

There is a class of people in this world who call themselves *critics*, but who, if they were properly named, would be known as *fault-finders*. In the sense last named we hope there are none in our school, and we think there are not. But lest we should be mistaken, would it not be proper to say a few words in reference to these *fault-finders*?

"Consider, dear friends, what you are in this world for. It is not apparently for a great deal, because your only excuse for being is that some one else has been."

Then why do you pretend to be critics? Please remember that the critic exists only because the editor has existed. If newspapers failed to appear the critic must disappear like a thousand dollar bank note in the hands of a thief.

The history of all school papers shows that, even with the youngest and weakest of them, criticism has no effect except perhaps to stimulate them to greater exertions in the endeavor to oppose the critic. But with our paper we shall expect our friends to criticise our productions, and we promise them that we will try to bring our ways to coincide with their ways as far as is consistent with the best interests of our paper and school.

VACATION CAMPING.

In the summer of the present year a party of boys started from Rutland with the intention of spending a few days in that most delightful of all recreations, camping out.

Leaving Rutland at 2.15 in the afternoon they arrived at Middlebury about 5.30, and taking the stage there arrived at East Middlebury in time for a warm supper, to which they did ample justice, as all boys will when away from home.

After a good night's rest they started from East Middlebury in a buckboard wagon, which was loaded down with cooking utensils, fishing tackle, rifles and shot-guns. What they were going to do with the guns they could not have told themselves, for the truth was they were more afraid of the guns than they would have been of all the wild beasts that entered into their imagination. All this was drawn by a very young colt, which seemed much astonished at the strange medley which composed its load and very anxious to get as far from it as possible. If you had seen the stock of brown bread, cake, pie, etc., which was stowed away under the seat of the wagon, to be finally stowed away by the hungry campers, you would have thought those young men were going to start a wholesale provision store.

The road which we took winds around the mountain, up steep hills and through thick woods which looked their best, clothed as they were with green leaves and bright flowers. After traveling for about four miles they suddenly emerged upon the shores of the beautiful "Lake Dunmore."

This lake, intimately connected in the mind of the history-loving school-boy with the traditions of Ethan Allen and his famous band of "Green Mountain Boys," is beautifully situated in a pleasant valley of the Green Mountains, and is surrounded by thick woods as yet hardly touched by the axe of the woodsman. It is about three miles in length and one in width, and is considered by all as one of the prettiest sheets of water in New England, if not in the whole country. The water is so clear that the bottom can be plainly seen one hundred feet from shore, and above all, in the minds of the boys, it is plentifully stocked with nearly all kinds of fish generally found in fresh water. It is a fisherman's paradise, for here are found the perch, suago bass, black bass and lake trout, and the lover of trolling will find that he has a fine treat in the shape of large and gamey pickerel.

It had rained from early in the morning and the weather was not just such as would have been chosen for camping out, but, having started, the boys were determined to proceed. So despite the rain they pushed on and at last reached a farmer's house where they quartered their horse. Then donning their rubber coats and procuring a boat, they started out to select a site for their camp.

A pleasant point was chosen that jut-

ted out into the water and commanded a fine view of the entire length of the lake.

The boys had brought no tent with them, and so they proceeded to erect one from the materials they had. First they drove four stakes in the ground and covered the top with rubber blankets, then they cut a lot of cedar boughs and covered the sides with them, and after spreading a number on the ground they considered that they had a tent that, if not elegant was at least serviceable.

(*To be continued in next issue.*)

MY STAY IN RICHMOND.

I have been requested by the editor of your paper to write something for it about my Southern trip.

The party we were in reached Gettysburg safely and attended the dedication of Vermont's monuments. Here my father met Capt. Peck, now of Cleveland, Ohio. Early in the war they were lieutenants in the same company. The last time they saw each other was twenty-seven years ago, and then Capt. Peck was lying on the battlefield of Savage Station with a bullet through his head. The piece of lead went through his cheek and came out of his neck, and the scars show plainly yet.

We asked him to accompany us to Richmond to see the old battle-fields, of Antietam and Fredericksburg. We arrived in Richmond safely and went to the hotel, where we made inquiries for a driver to take us over the battle-fields. Very soon a darkey by the name of Enoch Johnson came to us and offered to take us to Malvern Hill and back, which is the same as taking the team for the day. After a great deal of wrangling the darkey named his price, which satisfied us. He came the next morning at eight o'clock with a poor old rawboned horse and a break-down carryall. We first drove out to Fair Oaks, or Seven Pines, as the rebels called it. We did not stop here till on the way back. The original Seven Pines were cut down during the battle, but the keeper of the National Cemetery has planted another seven.

Savage Station, where we next drove, is on the line of the York River R. R., about seven miles from Richmond. There is no station, but a house stands near by, and we stopped here to see if we could not find something about the battle and the position of the Union troops. My father, while talking to the farmer, received an invitation to go deer hunting. The man said that they would not be out two hours before they would see a deer. The reason that deer is so plenty is that very few men hunt in that region, because there are no birds. Nearly all the hunters in Richmond are bird-hunters, so nobody cares for deer.

We drove on a little further and Capt. Peck and my father got out and went into the woods to see if they could find the place where they stood in the battle. This they succeeded in doing, and they brought with them pieces of boards marked by bullets. The driver cut two canes, one of which I presented to Col. Joyce. We spent the two following days in Richmond, and on Monday I went to the Capitol and in the library saw some very interesting relics. "Jeb" Stuart's battle-flag, a flint-lock musket, used by the first settlers, a copy of the Declaration of Secession and John Brown's pike, which he used at Harper's Ferry.

I had on a Gettysburg medal, and as came out of Capitol Park a woman met me and wanted to know if I got that medal for good behavior in school. I told her "No."

In the trees around the park grey squirrels have made their nests, and I do not think Diana will, in her vision, see them shot.

On Tuesday we started for Baltimore and home.

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"A VISION."

"And mine eyes beheld a vision."

I scarcely know how nor why it was, but as I sat in class one day (and I cannot remember that I was feeling particularly ravenous at the time either) there sprung up before my very eyes, right out of the floor as it were, such an abundance of peppermint candies that I was very loath to take my eyes off them, and I wondered

> "Would the vision there remain,
> Would the vision come again?"

But even as I gazed they disappeared from mortal view for the reaper (or rather the sower) came and gathered them in, and they were doomed to lie unnoticed and forgotten for time immemorial in the waste paper basket, and as I observed these sudden and many changes, I could not help murmuring to myself, "The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

GEOMETRY.

Geometry! a sudden chill
Creeps o'er my trembling frame,
A shudder of profoundest dread,
O, awe-inspiring name!

The science mixes up men's brains,
And scares their wits away,
And gives them deep internal pains,
Which naught can e'er allay,

It says come here you foolish youth
And prove that A plus B
Is greater far than M plus N
Plus X plus Y plus Z.

And so we make a diagram
And letter every line,
And when 'tis done, we're bound to say,
'Tis very, very fine.

But what's the use of all this fuss,
Who cares if A plus B
Is more or less, or just the same
As X plus Y plus Z?

How many a weary hour I've spent,
O'er propositions tough,
For which I tho't that half an hour
Ought to be time enough.

Some times I'd think I had it well,
And go with merry heart
Into the class-room, thinking I
With ease could do any part.

Up to the blackboard would I go,
And take a piece of chalk,
Aha! I say unto myself
I'll show them how to talk!

But suddenly an awful blank
Is present to my eyes,
Egyptian darkness settles 'round,
All hope within me dies.

I fumble with my chalk in hand,
I make my figure plain;
But that is all,—I feel, I know
My efforts are in vain.

This enemy alas is still
My source of trouble sore—
Geometry! O would that thou
Might's never meet me more.

I know this is the earnest prayer
Of many a weary brain,
But 'tis in vain, 'tis all in vain,
In vain, IN VAIN, IN VAIN.

—Ex.

"CLASSICS."

In every school, for some years past,
The unlucky scholar has been harassed,
And vainly tried to learn with patience
The long orations of the ancients.

In every school in town or city,
We do declare it is a pity
The poor unfortunate girl or boy
Has to translate the story of Troy.

The teachers say, "Without this knowledge,
You ne'er can hope to enter college,"
But many's the man who has won fame
Who ne'er at college recorded his name.

For many a lad returns from school,
A Latin, Greek and Hebrew fool,
In arts and knowledge still a block
Tho' deeply skilled in *hic, haec, hoc.*

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Carrie Kingsley, '88, is teaching school.

Miss Alice Prevost, '88, is teaching school in Pittsford.

Mr. John F. Pratt, '89, is working in Spaulding's book store.

Miss Mary Harwood, '89, is at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

Miss Alice Needham, '86, is assistant librarian at the Rutland Free Library.

Miss Fannie R. Kingsley, '88, is attending the Monroe School of Oratory in Boston.

Mr. John E. Woodward, '87, is at the United States Military and Naval Academy, West Point.

Miss Jessie Clauson, '89, who is now teaching school near Mendon, visited the R. H. S. last week.

Mr. Forest McLaughlin, '86, has changed his place of residence and now lives on West street.

Misses Lulu Perry and Sarah Wynn, '89, are attending the Rutland English and Classical school.

Miss Hetta Jones, '89, has returned from the West, where she has been visiting friends in Omaha.

Miss Millie Ellis, '89, left town a few weeks ago to enter the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

W. C. Jenne, '89, is in town and intends to remain here until after Christmas, when he goes to Albany to attend the business college.

Miss Bertha Sawyer and Mr. Arthur Fuller, both of '87, were married on Nov. 15, at the home of the bride on West street. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller will reside in Brandon.

NOTES.

"Noblesse Oblige."

Thanksgiving comes next.

Hurrah for a two days' vacation.

There is some talk of forming an association of the Rutland High School Alumni.

Mr. Lew Sheldon, who was called home from Albany a few days ago, paid us a visit.

Miss Lucy Cheney, '92, has returned to school after an absence of several weeks, on account of sickness.

Miss Alice Long, '92, has been elected secretary of the Young Ladies' League of the Congregational church.

The "Tanyard" was partly frozen over last Saturday, and quite a number of young Americas were seen skating on it.

Miss Bessie Faulkner, Grammar A, has left school and intends to enter the State Normal School at Castleton in a few weeks.

Miss Phillips and Miss Wooley, formerly B's, and Mr. Jenne, '89, were present at the Rhetoricals on last Friday, also Rev. Mr. Reese.

Miss Kelly and Miss McLaughlin, who formerly belonged to the class of '92, are now employed as clerks in the Combination Cash Store.

It's too bad, but we must not whisper any more before school opens.

The "triumphant" treasurer of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be obliged to postpone his trip to Canada until he can obtain the funds from the ex-treasurer.

Some one was "influential in alluring a quadruped" into the Congregational church last Sunday. Scholars in this school will understand the significance of this fact.

It seems that a great improvement might be made in the appearance of our school-room, if the unsightly and ill-smelling lamps could be replaced by gas or electric lights. We should prefer the latter.

The evening school reopened for the winter Nov. 11, Principal Wilson having charge. There were but twelve present on that evening, but it is thought the attendance will increase as it becomes more generally known.

The cooking club of the Grammar A class gave a supper to their young gentlemen friends, at the home of Miss Susie Long on West street, last Saturday evening. It is said that some kind-hearted individual thoughtfully sent them a gigantic bottle of paregoric. Mr. Steele was charged with the base deed, but he says he never could be guilty of such a kind act, anyway..

The NOTES will, in the future, refrain from all jokes about the "Old Rose" C. C., and from all hints about the indigestibility of its products. The reason for this unexpected step lies in the recent party at the home of one of the cooks, to which all the young men of the editorial staff, with many of their friends, were invited. Some of them, it is true, brought bottles of medicine, expecting to find use for it, but they were disappointed in this, for all the articles placed before them proved to be of a most wholesome and delectable nature. Until the "Greedy Twelve" show themselves to be productive of like eatables, this paper will continue to persecute them to the full extent of the jaw.

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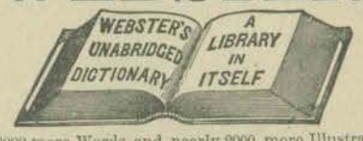

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WE will speak briefly of a few of the various phases of the World's Fair, taking the subject at random. As to the inevitable question, already time-honored, we will mention it briefly, and then drop it—at least for two weeks; we cannot promise more than this. We favor Chicago for the reasons stated in our issue six weeks ago. If energy and enterprise can do it, the fair will be held in Chicago, but we own that it is a question whether this will counterbalance the enormous wealth and strong political grip of New York. But wherever it is held, all America ought to forget the spirit of rivalry and take hold and help to make the Fair a grand success, and all nations know what Americans are capable of doing. The NOTES hopes the Fair will go to Chicago, but if New York gets it, we will promise not to hinder its success.

Some well-meaning person has proposed that a tower be erected at the Fair which shall exceed the Eiffel Tower in height. We admit that would be a great achievement, but why should we be obliged to follow meekly in the footsteps of our French friends? Why should we be contented with a copy—it may be on a more extensive scale, yet it is still but a copy? Are not the American people, famed as they are for their ingenuity, able to produce something original?

Another kind-hearted individual is on hand with a plan for building a pyramid, large enough, we understand, to completely eclipse the great pile of Cheops, and also the funds which could reasonably be appropriated to it. Well, this plan is an improvement on the other. A joke is sometimes said to be "so old that it's new," and this might apply to the pyramid idea. The pyramid is a massive structure, majestic in its simplicity, and, in the abstract, is considered the most substantial form of structure possible—it is in fact the symbol of stability. Such a structure would be a fitting epitome of the American nation. One point in favor of it. But there is a humorous side of this—there is funny side even of a sphinx, despite its proverbial solemnity. If we erect a pyra-

mid, out of regard for the fitness of things, we ought to build a few sphinxes, and perhaps to make a good job of it, we ought to make a number of mummies. This would accomplish one of the ends of the Fair, in reviving a trade which has been very dull for centuries. We think that with the aid of countless modern inventions, American workmen ought to rival the best achievements of the ancient Egyptian undertakers. Executed criminals might be used to practice on until the aforementioned degree of perfection is attained.

But all these things take time, and we object to them on the ground that they could not be completed in time for 1892, which, by the way, is the latest obstacle which has been presented to the Fair managers, through the kindness of the newspapers.

The sight of the countless products of our vast country will be almost as surprising to Americans as to foreigners. The products of each State gathered together would present a pleasing appearpearance. Thus, perhaps, as we went in at the great central entrance, we would come across Maine, with its wonderful ship-building exhibit, and pass down the line of States till we reached California, where would be seen cherries weighing a pound, Chinamen, gold nuggets, and other wonders from the Pacific shores. Illinois, being at home, would doubtless have a very creditable exhibit. Conspicuous features would be pork, specimens of Anarchists, (in strong iron cages), members of the Clan-na-Gael, (also in cages), and bags of wind. New York would exhibit her aldermen; Connecticut, her Waterbury watches; while among the contributions from our grand old State would be found her marble, her maple sugar and her model Prohibition laws, those shining triumphs of efficient legislation.

The newspapers give a good deal of space lately to the World's Fair, but still more to the politics of the World's Fair. Nothing can be done now-a-days without dragging in politics. We wish such a patriotic undertaking as this might be carried on without reference to politics, but we suppose this is too much to hope.

We were made aware last week in a very forcible way that one-third of the school year had passed. According to the new system of marking, the school year is divided up equally and the record cards give the figures for these periods and not, as formerly, for the terms, which vary slightly in length. But the most marked change is in the prominence given to the "deportment" as affecting the general standing. The marks show a fair record in scholarship, but the deportment marks were rather surprising to all of us. Perhaps we are so unused to having our misdeeds charged against us in this matter-of-fact way that it rather staggers us at first, but we will recover and do better work next term. As we, the editors, have no earthly right to dictate to our fellow-students and do not deserve any prerogatives as censors, we may assume the role of disinterested spectators, and suggest that while the school is doing well and the work is going on smoothly under its present wise guidance, there is still an immense opportunity for improvement on the part of the students in general deportment, and plenty of room for elevating the standard of loyalty and sincerity in school work. The R. H. S. endeavors to be at the head of the list of High Schools in Vermont. The question of whether it will be at the head resolves itself largely into a personal question.

What shall our record be when we come to roll-call at the end of the winter campaign?

The last number of the "University Cynic" contains a very pointed editorial, which, while ostensibly intended only to correct certain erroneous ideas as to its own contributions, in reality gives a highly interesting little treatise on the aim and character of college journalism in general. One of the points brought out very forcibly was that a college paper differed from the newspapers and magazines in the size of its calibre, and that as students' minds were, as a rule, unsettled, and their opinions on important topics not yet crystallized, only a limited supply of powder could be obtained. For this reason, a paper of smaller calibre would have proportionately more force and effectiveness. This was not the exact simile used, but the general idea. The article would repay a careful reading.

There is one privilege that we crave. We would like to be Governor just long enough to write one Thanksgiving Proclamation. We would make glad the hearts of the suffering compositors, who, after their yearly task of setting up the Proclamation, are too exhausted to enjoy the holiday. We would thus proclaim:

"I appoint Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day. As is customary, stores will be closed, and the people will go to church and be as thankful as they can under the circumstances.

W. P. So-and-So,
Governor."

This might not be in strict accord with gubernatorial dignity, (consult Webster), but it would be an inexpressible relief to suffering humanity in general. Truly brevity is the soul of wit. Brevity, we adore the! We have neither the space nor the inclination to write an editorial on Thanksgiving. Each one of our readers is better able to decide what he has to be thankful for than we are to point it out.

To the Editors of the R. H. S. Notes:

It grieves me deeply to be obliged to speak of the short-comings of one of you. He is the writer of the World's Fair articles which advocate Chicago. Such dangerous sentiments should be suppressed. That this town should tolerate such a viper in its midst is surprising, for no sane Eastern man would speak of aught but New York as the place of the Fair of '92.

Either this young man is wofully ignorant, or else he is a weed from the prairies of the wild and woolly West. If the latter be the case he is excusable, though why he should dwell among us is not known to me. Sumus Populi! Let us all arise and speak for the great city on the ancient island of Manhatta, the only place for the great Fair.

Constant Reader.

We are very sorry to have grieved our kind reader, but as he has stated no reasons whatever for favoring New York, except as a matter of sentiment, we are not to be troubled.

VACATION CAMPING—(Continued).

After partaking of dinner they set out with the intention of procuring some fish for supper, and, after trolling a little while one of their number was fortunate enough to catch a large pickerel, and, as they were all believers in the rule, "Do not catch more fish than you can eat," they returned to camp and *attempted* to cook their fish. I say *attempted*, for if the people at home had seen the production that resulted from their attempt they would have called a chemist and had him analyze it, and I believe the chemist would have found something like the following result, viz., three parts of dirt and one part of fish; but dirt or fish it made no difference to the young campers, for they ate more at that one meal than they would have thought of eating in three at home.

After the meal one would think that the campers had eaten their alloted pecks of dirt, for it became the painful duty of the cook to roll them from the table into the tent, while we proceeded to wash the dishes. But the campers even then did not take warning from experience, for after recovering from the effects of a meal, they were just as greedy as ever and to eat another peck, or a bushel, if need be, for the wholesale provision store proved to be but a "drop in the bucket." The greedy consumers had to make frequent raids upon the farmers in the near vicinity, who began to think that they had been struck by an amateur cyclone. After supper they sat around their camp-fire and told stories, which were generally of the "Ichabod" sort, to the music of the waters and the screeching of the owl, until it was only the recollection of the famous "Ethan's bravery" that kept their spirits alive. When the moon rose,

which was not until nearly ten o'clock, they took their boat and rowed upon the glassy water until midnight, anchoring occasionally near some rock and fishing for bull-heads. What an attraction the lake was on one of those still nights. How easily the boat glided through the water. It seemed as if they could never return to camp and retire.

When the camp was reached how lonely it seemed. The fire had burned low and the boys seemed to see hobgoblins in every tree and spooks peeping out from every shady nook and corner. How different it seemed to what it did in the daylight, and how often did they wish they had never left home! But in the morning their bravery returned, and, taking their boat they went to the upper end of the lake after pond lilies and fish. Returning they entered a quiet bay and while rowing slowly along they saw a whole family of minks running along the shore, but before they could shoot them they had disappeared. How the boys did haunt that bay for another chance to shoot the minks, but they never saw them again.

The days passed swiftly, each one crowded with enjoyment, and all too soon the time came to leave their pleasant camp and return to civilization. So one afternoon they "broke camp" and returned home in the same wagon, which contained the same boys, but not the same amount of provisions which had been conveyed thither.

After staying all night in East Middlebury they took the stage for Middlebury. Leaving Middlebury at 10. A. M. they arrived in Rutland at 11.15. Although their happy vacation was ended, the recollections still remain, and another year may find the same party at the same camp but with a different experience, which may perhaps interest the reader more than this, their first, in vacation camping.

EXAMINATIONS.

"Oh, dear! do you suppose we shall have examinations to-day?" "Why, I don't hardly believe we will, do you?" "Well, I hope not, I'm sure. Why, if we should have an examination in 'Geometry' I don't believe I should pass." "Well, I don't know, but I guess I could get along all right in Geometry, but in History, why I hardly know anything in History. I think it is awfully dull." "You do? Why, I think it is the most interesting study which we have this year." "But oh, dear! I do hope we won't have examinations to-day, if they will only wait until to-morrow I'll study awfully hard to-night and I'll be prepared for them to-morrow."

Very similar to the above was the prevailing topic of boy's and girl's talk in the High School last week, but now breath comes out more freely, and we can "lie down to pleasant dreams" instead of being tormented in our sleep by the ghosts of geometrical propositions and fearful apparitions of the brave heroes of ancient history, for our examinations are over for this term, and we are all so thankful that I think we could join hands and sing "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!" And I think the boys would be perfectly willing to sing, too.

EXCHANGES.

With this issue we open an exchange column. As yet comparatively few exchanges have been received by us, but we are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the following: "University Cynic," "The Undergraduate," "The Academic," "The Reveille," "The Cue," "The Sunbeam," "The Speculum," "High School Bulletin," "The Academian," "The Berwick Scholar," "School Echoes," and "The Zenith."

"The Academic" is an excellent paper and a credit to the St. Albans High School, but we should think it would be more appreciated by all interested if it were published oftener than quarterly.

The "High School Times" is the name of a monthly paper about to be published by the students of the West Randolph High School. We hope that in making out their exchange list they will include the "R. H. S. NOTES."

We see by the "Rutland Herald" that the "Undergraduate" is to be published every three weeks hereafter. A movement which could well be adopted by many other monthly papers.

"A Pointer" is the title of a poem in the "Sunbeam," which we recommend as containing good advice to critics.

The publication of "The Zenith," at Brandon, has been discontinued, owing to circumstances best known to the editors. Only one number was issued.

Engraved on his cuffs
Were the Furies and Fates,
And a delicate map
Of the Dorian States,
And they found in his hands—which were hollow,
What is frequent in psalms—that is dates.
—University.

Will the climax ever be reached in "jaw-breaking" class cries? Judging from the past we should say not. The latest is the following: Hal-le-ga-loo-ga-lac-a-dee, Hal-le-ga-loo-ga-lac-a-dee! Hoorah! Hoorah! Wesleina '93.—Brunonian.

First 'Varsity man—What was the result of the foot-ball game to-day? Second Ditto—We beat them easily. We had only one collar-bone fractured, while they had three broken legs and a couple of sprained ankles. They can't play foot-ball.—Ex.

The brows of a man will sometimes indicate that he is past your age. The browse of a cow has a hint of pasturage, also.—Ex.

IN BEHALF OF SHAKESPEARE.

"Honor pricks us on" to make a few remarks on the present order of things at the R. H. S. It has always been held the privilege and duty of Senior classes to criticise the Junior classes. The class of '89 having shown itself remiss in this important duty I am now prepared to show that "we are nothing if not critical."

Last spring the northeast corner of the school-room was adorned with a beautiful bust of England's greatest poet, "Sweet Will Shakespeare," placed there by the brilliant class of '89.

Upon revisiting this school-room members of this illustrious class were filled with surprise and chagrin upon finding it only too evident that the only homage paid at the shrine of Shakespeare was given by the flies, who had shown themselves to be great admirers of his genius.

We have all heard that "Imperial Cæsar, dead and turned to clay, may stop a hole to keep the wind away," but that gentle Shakespeare done in clay may serve as a rendezvous for flies is a new, and to the class of '89, an unwelcome thought. Alas that it should be so!

What shall we do, class of '89, that this emblem of the class may be preserved in its pristine state of spotless purity that visitors attracted thither by the brilliancy of the class, need not inspect through clouds of dust a Shakespeare freckled with fly-specks.

Let us, I prithe thee, send to the class treasurer (Mr. Davis) any small sum to which the spirit may move us, and forthwith instruct him to purchase a feather duster, or if our funds will not avail for that, a yard of cheese cloth should not be deemed unfitting to remove from the bust and the shelf upon which it stands, the layers of dust deposited during the Quarternary Age.

ALUMNI.

NOTES.

Pay
For
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Paper.

Decline, "Domus."

One more paper this term.

Small boys *should not* throw snowballs.

What is your opinion of the new report cards?

Don't you feel relieved now the examinations are over.

School closes on Dec. 20 for the usual Christmas vacation of two weeks.

Mr. John Sheldon, '92, is studying Latin with Mr. Will Aiken, Main street.

The Rhetoricals under the subject of "The Norsemen" were quite interesting, "Oloff" seemed to be the most popular hero.

There is some talk of forming a snow-shoe club among the members of this school.

The boy or girl who obtained the 75 per cent in the late examinations is to be congratulated.

Miss Farrington, '92, has returned to school after a week's absence spent in Plattsburg, N. Y.

Miss Carrie Porter, formerly of '92, has returned home after teaching one term near Mendon.

Those odious lamps do us good service for one of them at least is used nearly every afternoon.

"Jack Frost went on a journey" last week, and we do not think that he has "ended his sojourn" yet.

Mr. Lewis Sheldon, who was last year the "gigantic genius" of '91, spent Thanksgiving in Rutland.

The Rutland English and Classical School now has forty pupils, twenty-four day scholars and sixteen evening scholars.

Miss Phinney, teacher of music in the Rutland Graded School, is also teacher of vocal music and voice culture in Mr. Perry's school.

The Tuesday morning lecture last week was given by Mr. Temple and was very interesting and instructive. Subject: Banks and Banking.

Miss Alice L. Dexter, formerly '91, is seriously ill with billious fever and congestion of the lungs, at her home on South Main street.

Mr. B. J. Armstrong of Castleton, who studied Latin and Greek in the R. H. S. last year, is now a member of the Rutland English and Classical School.

It is announced that the members of the R. H. S. will soon take a trip to West Rutland for the purpose of exploring the quarries. Mr. Wardwell will accompany the party.

The change of seats took place a week ago last Tuesday, and the pupils are now seated according to their rank. Some are pleased with their new residences, others are not. It depends on the degree of backwardness.

Skating will be the next thing on the programme. The foot-ball will be laid gently on the shelf till next season. We are rather ashamed of ourselves for not having had better games, but we have had a great deal of sport out of it.

We see by the High School paper at St. Albans that the different classes have selected their class colors. We think it would be a good idea if the Rutland High School would select a school color, and also colors for the different classes.

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Now transported to a far-off clime,
Roams the master in lands of fable,
Chatting here with Libystic heroes
And there with knights of the Round Table.

Now he meets the great Atheneans,
Again he talks with Romans noted,
And Shakespere, too, feels not above him,
Shows him much from his plays oft quoted.

He visits Teutons, Turks and Spaniards,
With the Norseman sails the oceans bold,
Learns of war and tumult; with Kennan
Sees the prisons of Siberia cold.

In his travels, visits all the realms
Of knowledge, science, art and learning,
Becomes acquainted with their masters,
Yet all is only his just earning.

Who then is this mighty commander—
What the army with ear so eager
To hear and heed their master's orders,
To serve and gratify their leader?

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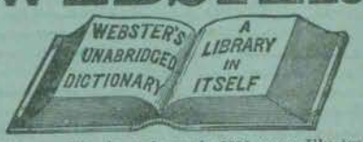

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GOOD athletics in a school are undoubtedly valuable in promoting a patriotic, chivalrous spirit toward the institution, and that is what every school needs. The R. H. S. is unfortunate in this respect principally, if not wholly, on account of the want of system and organization. We do not see why a school of the size of R. H. S. may not have a base-ball and a foot-ball team. It seems inappropriate to bring up this subject at Christmas time, but during the season when winter sports are predominant, the boys should be thinking about next year's prospects on the diamond. We think there is enough good material in the school now for a light team. The boys ought by all means to elect a captain before the season opens, and be ready to begin practice systematically as soon as the snow is off the ground.

We predict that tennis is the future game. The outcome of the present war in professional base-ball may be that in a short time, we will see the end of the professional game. and the rise of tennis. But, although tennis is a great game, it is not so well adapted, for apparent reasons, for use as a school game, as is base-ball, or, preeminently, foot-ball. The latter is distinctively a school game, and we hope that before another autumn we may have an eleven ready to go into practice in earnest. We have no heavy men in the school now and could only have a light team, but weight, luckily, is not everything. Perhaps this sounds as if we were cranky on the subject of organization, but we do think it is what we need first of all. More on this subject later. Meanwhile be thinking it over.

A GOOD deal of praiseworthy school spirit has been aroused of late. This was shown by the alacrity with which various little projects prompted by pride in the R. H. S. were welcomed in the class meeting held last week. Several points were brought up such as a school color, a plan for increasing the piano fund and the weighty subject of a school "yell." Committees were appointed to investigate each of these questions and will report later. In discussing the first named question a motion to adopt old-rose as the color was violently opposed

and the outcome will probably be that both old-rose and old-blue will be excluded from the list. The question of the "yell" is one of live interest. The R. H. S must have a cry, of course—that is indispensable as we all know. It depends on the committee to secure us one sufficiently fiendish to inspire a due respect for the school. We think the "yell" will also be of direct pecuniary value as it will do away with the expense of a course in vocal culture.

WHILE we still hold that our paper has been a success in the past term, we own that it has had faults, very bad faults. We want to have the paper improve,—this is not too much to expect—and in closing this year's file we think that a few hints as to the character of acceptable contributions might be helpful to all of us. This is a serious matter and we intend to be perfectly straightforward and to waste no words. So please believe us when we say that we are speaking only of the writings of an imaginary contributor in the future. We will mention a few points briefly: First, length: We will say that we have precisely six pages and for this reason it will be necessary for our contributor to be brief. If brevity is a new idea to him he should practice it by re-writing and revising until his material is condensed to the smallest possible space. Grammar: Good grammar is generally considered one of the essentials of intelligent writing. A high school paper should be at least grammatical,—our contributor will agree with us on this point. If he is not accustomed to use the English language correctly, we would urge him to make a special effort to do so in his matter for publication. It is not only customary but more convenient for the printer. Another point: The contributor should refrain from jokes understood only by himself. They may be very good jokes, but he will kindly remember that there are others, in fact quite a number of others, who read and pay for their papers as well as himself. We now come to one of the most popular styles of contribution, one which seems to be a kind of craze of late, but one which it seems to us is utterly lacking in that essential element known as sense. We refer to something we are all familiar with, namely, a row of hackneyed quotations strung together and interpersed with italicized words and exclamation points. This is enough to say, perhaps. You have probably all seen just such stuff, which some one else has written; so of all things we may mention please avoid this,—it is too much for our nerves. John G. Saxe called an exclamation point a "pompous tombstone of a pauper thought." As to italics, Thackeray said that a person who could not make his statements emphatic without the use of italics ought not to write at all, and mercilessly ridiculed what he called the effeminate style. We think this is true as a general thing.

In regard to poetry, we will say that we prefer not to have poetry sent to us, except in rare cases. We do not think we have any Byrons or Wordsworths in the school at present, at least we have not noticed any. Therefore we think it better, if our contributor has a thought, a good original thought, that he should express it in prose. It can be done in a very small fraction of the space required for the so-called "poetry," and we leave it to the reader's unprejudiced judgment whether it would not be more acceptable. As to the topics chosen, this a more difficult question, and we will not attempt to answer it. The standard varies in different papers. Some go so far as to say that they will not publish anything whatever which attempts to discuss questions of a religious, political or otherwise partisan character. There are many good reasons given for this. Without saying more on this subject we will leave it to our contributor's own judgment.

If all of us bear in mind these hints we think that the paper will be immensely improved, and the rapid increase of gray hairs will be checked on the bewildered head of our faithful Managing Editor, who is only too kind and lenient in his dealings with well-meaning but often misapprehending contributors.

We have heard some objections to the High School paper on the ground that it is childish. Without replying to this we would say that our kind critics will find a gentle reminder of their own duties in the words of the poet Burns: "A chiel's amang you taking NOTES, and, faith, he'll prent it."

WE joyfully announce the election of Mr. J. P. Sawyer as an additional member of the Editorial staff. This is, in fact, but an acknowledgement of the continued service he has rendered ever since the paper was started.

WE have made a special effort to give an extra large Christmas number and hope it will please you. It is a rather odd coincidence that in this last number, as in the first, we confine our attention strictly to the school and paper. Lack of space prevents our speaking of some features of the school routine, and we will have to wait till next term. With this parting threat of future torment, and wishing all its readers a joyous holiday season, the Editorial Chair makes its best Christmas bow.

EXCHANGES.

We are glad to welcome to our exchange file two papers from the West, *The High School World* from St. Paul and the *Willamette Collegian* from Salem, Oregon. It gives us a pleasant feeling to think that we are thus, in a way, acquainted with schools so remote from us. The *World* has an abundance of good reading matter and the athletic column is very interesting. The editorial department of the *Collegian* is conspicuous in its absence.

Another of our new exchanges is *The Vidette* from Pittston, Penn. It is very prettily gotten up.

The High School Drift is the atractive name of a new exchange from Salamanca, N. Y.

The High School Herald comes to us from Westfield, Mass.

The Cue from Albany Academy is very neat and readable, but suffers from its lack of a personal column. We have just received the last number of *The Cue*. The cover has changed from green to a kind of yellow and thus seems to be ripening. We will refrain from any humorous remarks about the paper being green. It is an apparent paradox that *The Cue* while green has been all the time read.

The Lawerence *High School Bulletin* certainly has editors enough, sixteen, to insure a good paper and they seem to succeed.

The Berwick Scholar is "built" too much on the newspaper plan. In other words, the paper is rather clumsy to handle and lacks a cover, but its matter is interesting.

The last number of *The Reveille* contains a good editorial on local items.

An editorial in *The Academian* of Pembroke, N. H. begins as follows: "As we rake our brains for subjects for editorials, this question comes to mind; why do we not have more subscribers?" etc. The editors are indeed to be pitied if they have to "rake their brains" to obtain subjects. The editor of this paper is equally unfortunate in having to harrow and plow his brains in order to find space to insert all the thoughts which constantly present themselves. Perhaps they might find in this a hint of the answer to the question which they afterward discuss.

Typographically *The Academic* of St. Albans is a beauty. It is as good a high-school paper as we have seen, but as we have said before it is a pity that we cannot see it oftener than quarterly.

We have received a copy of *The Monthly Visitor* of Haverhill, Mass. It is not a school paper but deserves mention on account of its being edited and published by one man whose patience and enterprise we admire. The sheet is now in the 12th number of its second volume and we wish it a continuance of its success.

They call gum an elective at Vassar, because the students needn't take it unless they chews.—Ex.

"I wish I was a star," said a Cornell junior dreamily, to a companion. "I wish you were a comet," she replied, coolly, "for then you would come around only once in 1560 years."—Ex.

Boss: "Pat, I've lost my day book and have to rely on your honesty for

the number of days you have worked this month. How many? "Thirty-two, sor."—Puck.

There is one most remarkable fact in this world,
Which no one on earth can explain;
That when you've carried an umbrella for
forty-nine days,
For fear of a possible rain,
Be sure as the fiftieth day comes round,
And you your umbrella forget,
Just so sure will the flood gates of heaven be
oped,
And you be left out in the wet.
—High School World.

A ring around the moon is the sign of rain. And a ring around a girl's finger is also a sign of reign.—Ex.

Of all the sad and gloomy words
That mankind ever writ,
There are no sadder ones to me
Than these two: "Please remit."
Willamette Collegian.

To make a long story short send it to the editor of a newspaper.—Willamette Collegian.

Open up the cemetery,
Close your hearts to vain regrets,
Useless the apothecary—
Johnnie's smoking cigarettes.
—Willamette Collegian.

Professor, looking at his watch—"As we have a few minutes to spare I shall be glad to answer any question anyone may ask." Student—"What time is it, please?"—School Echoes.

Though some of our colleges are very old they are still in possession of their faculties.—Ex.

A sad accident befell one of our best jokes last week. It was a capital joke and much beloved by all who knew it, but it was foully murdered by a ludicrous typographical error. We print it again for your benefit and to do it justice. It refers to a student's preparations for examinations:

Engraved on his cuffs
Were the Furies and Fates
And a delicate map
Of the Dorian Sates,
And they found in his hands—which were hollow,
What is frequent in palms,—that is dates.
—University.

Past twelve and yette beholden me,
Here atte my desk a porynge
O're rhymes, whenne I'd much rather be
My soul in sleep restorynge!
And hark! forsooth would I were he;
That manne, next doore a snorynge.
—Ex.

Editor newspaper—"Get any subscribers to-day?" Business manager—"Got one." Editor—"Let's see. We had one subscriber to start with and this other one makes two. I'll announce that the paper has already doubled in circulation."

ONE CHRISTMAS EVE.

The snow was falling swiftly outside and the noisy wind was heaping it up by the roadside and fences. Outside all was white and still. Inside, the fire was burning brightly in the large fireplace and half hidden in the depths of an easy chair was the only live thing in the room.

"Alone and in a strange country, and on Christmas eve, too;" thought the occupant of the chair as he lifted his eyes from the book and gazed into the fire.

Hugh Erston's prospect for Christmas was certainly far from being as gay as that of the past years. A year ago he was at his home in the city, with all his friends about him, and pleasure was the one law to be obeyed. Now, on account of his health failing, he was among the Adirondacks, shut in from the world by great mountains crowned with white and robed with green.

His room in the mountain home was as pleasant as home comforts could make it and he had just opened a large box from home which convinced him that he was not forgotten, but these mementoes only served to make the separation harder to bear, each one recalling some loved face.

First the box of "goodables," and with them a motherly letter, also a bundle of things of which only a mother would think, then a check for no small sum, surely that was father's gift, and so on till Hugh had seen and admired everything. Then he settled down for an hour's enjoyment of Irving's writing on Christmas.

A loud knock interrupted his thoughts.

"Well, Jack, what's wanted?" inquired Hugh of the guide who entered.

"Is little Miss Ellie up here?"

"Mrs. Earl's Ellie? No, why?"

"She must be lost in the snow then, for we have looked everywhere."

"Ellie lost in the woods!" And with the thought a vision of five-year-old Ellie rose before Hugh's eyes.

"Start on Jack, and I will soon join the search," said Hugh, as putting on his fur suit and taking his snow-shoes he was soon with them.

What a strange sight it was to see the men with their pine torches winding in and out among the dark trees while their bright toboggan suits or fur coats formed an odd contrast to the white untrodden snow. Scarcely a word was said save to call the child's name or give the camp call. It was hard walking, even with snow-shoes and especially for Hugh, with his heavy gun, but one thought of the poor mother anxiously waiting at the house, gave new courage to all.

They had about given up the search as there was signs of approaching day, and some had begun to retrace their steps, when Hugh coming back from where he had placed a bonfire saw some dark object moving slowly along behind the fire. He soon discovered that he was left alone and so followed the object at a safe distance. Could it be a bear? The foot prints were like those of bruin and then making a sudden turn Hugh came near enough to see that it was a good sized brown bear.

Fixing his gun in readiness to use he decided to capture Master Bruin. After traveling quite a way and becoming discouraged he turned back, but the bear seeing him started to greet him in bear fashion, but Hugh's gun soon ended that plan and Bruin's life was over.

Once more Hugh turned and then hearing a faint cry from the bushes near he stopped and making his way through the tangled bushes, under a rock he discovered Ellie half asleep.

That night before retiring Hugh decided that by doing for others Christmas joy would abound.

THOMAS A. EDISON.

Thomas A, Edison was born in Milan, Ohio, on the 11th day of February, 1847. His mind was quick, inquiring and experimental.

He had only two months at a regular school, his parents teaching him at home and his father paid him for every book he read to encourage him.

At twelve years old he was obliged to earn his own living. He obtained position as "train boy" on the Grand Trunk Railroad in central Michigan, selling apples, peanuts, song books and papers.

He succeeded so well that he soon had four boys under him in the fig, vegetable ivory and prize-candy trade. He obtained a few retorts and other simple apparatus, and buying a copy of Fresenius's Inalitative Analysis he became much absorbed in chemistry. He turned an old baggage car into a laboratory and lest some one should meddle with chemicals he labeled every bottle "poison!"

During the four years he was train boy he had earned $2,000 which he gave to his parents.

He often visited the Detroit library and once decided to read all the books in this great library in order, just as they ranged on the shelves, but after reading a space fifteen feet in length, he gave up the attempt. One day he saved the two year old son of the telegraph operator at his town from being run over by the train and for this the man offered to teach him telegraphy. Edison learned rapidly and soon became operator at Port Huron, Michigan, and then worked for the same company in Indianapolis, where he invented his first telegraph instrument, an automatic repeater, at the age of only seventeen. We then find him at Cincinnati and at Memphis where he was much liked by his companions, but called "luny" because absorbed in what they thought impracticable inventions. He happened to go into the office of the Gold Reporting Telegraph Company, and as their instrument was out of order, he repaired it so well that they gave him a good situation. He now began to show great promise as an inventor and this company paid him a large salary with the understanding that they should have the first chance to buy any of his inventions. A large electrical manufacturing establishment was opened at Newark. N. J. With his force of three hundred men he soon had forty-five inventions and improvements in hand and,

as the United States Patent Commissioner said, kept the path to the patent office hot with his footsteps. One of his first and most wonderful inventions was the quadruplex telegraph system by which four messages are sent at once, over the same wire.

When he was twenty-six he married Mary Stillwell of Newark. He had no time for a wedding journey but immediately after the ceremony went to his laboratory and worked till after midnight, when a friend came in and roused him from his work, telling him how late it was, when the absent-minded young man said, "I must go home then, I was married to-day." This incident shows how absorbed he becomes in his work.

Three years later he moved his laboratory to Menlo Park, where his batteries, magnets, etc. are run by an eighty horse-power engine. Here are all the inventions of Mr. Edison, "The Wizard of Menlo Park," as he is called. Here is the phonograph, the "talking machine;" the carbon telephone; the tasimeter, by which the heat of distant stars may be measured; the aerophone by which sounds are magnified two hundred and fifty times; the electric copy pen, for multiplying copies of letters; the automatic telegraph, which transmits several thousand words per minute over one wire; and the incandescent electric light, six hundred of which decorated his office in New York at the time of the Washington Centennial last summer.

Mr. Edison himself is perhaps most interesting of all. He is five feet ten inches high, with a boyish but earnest face; light gray eyes, dark hair, and as he goes about his work with his hat pushed back on his head he is a pleasant man to see. He is not a man to be daunted by obstacles. Once when a printing machine which he had invented failed he took five men into the loft of his factory, and said that he would never come down till it worked well. For sixty hours he worked incessantly, when, having accomplished his purpose, he came down and slept thirty hours.

At the Paris Electrical Exposition in 1881 two salons were devoted to his inventions. The Royal Society of London has exhibited his inventions with pride. Union College has made him Doctor of Philosophy. From scientists he receives over one hundred and fifty letters daily, in French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian and Turkish.

This wonderful man is one of the greatest inventors of the nineteenth century and especially of electrical instruments. He says "anything is possible with electricity. A new discovery may be made any day." J. M. G.

GIVE ME THREE ACRES OF LAND, PLEASE.

A PARODY.

Give me three acres of land, please,—
Only three acres of land;
And listen, as I tell you why
I make this small demand:
I am much in need of a campus, sirs,—
But that you too well know,
Still, let me ask an interest
In the words I give below.

I have begged for this before, sirs,—
For I could not silence keep:
It has been a burden all the day,
And even haunted my sleep.
I dreamed of a fine large field, sirs,
And the sight was heaven to see.
I awoke with an eager, exulting cry,
But you had no field for me.

Now you have lands and gold, sirs,—
Now you have lands and gold;
Why then my students disregard,
This boon from them withhold!
Is the *mind* alone to be trained, sirs,
Is that, then, all we shall seek,
Having no regard to our *bodies*,
And thus grow puny and weak?

What have my students done sirs,
What have my students done,
That their campus be in the dusty road,
Their choice be that or—none?
Do the men of this village care not, sirs,
The great men and the high,
If they are struck by a flying ball,
In the street as they pass by?

How much I need this campus, sirs,
You have long ere this been told:
And right here in this village
Are many that roll in gold:
There are rich and good men here, sirs,
With wonderous wealth to view,
And simply a pittance of all their wealth
Would furnish me this, my due.

Now grant a spot, I pray sirs,
Now grant a spot I pray,
Yes, even let the deed be done
Ere the close of another day.
Quick, for the season is opening, sir,
No longer be remiss,
I'm tired of crying, *O campe!*
Ubinam gentium sis!

—Ex.

THE PEOPLE WE MEET.

On the twenty-fourth of last December we started out on a sight-seeing tour on the streets of Rutland. The streets were thronged with busy seekers of holiday presents, among whom was conspicuous the form of a tall young farmer who confided to a companion that "thar was a pretty slick gal up his way that'd be expectin' somethin' from him an' he guessed he'd better keep his eyes open to see'f he could see anythin' nice 'nuff."

Back of him came a couple of young girls who stopped now and then to look into the store windows and comment on the various articles which attracted their attention.

"Oh! isn't that a perfect jewel of a hat," said one. "I should be perfectly happy if I could have it." "I'm sure you would look perfect in it," said the other. "And isn't that plush cloak just charming? I know it would just fit me." "Oh, you would look too awfully nice for anything in it," gushed her companion. And so they passed along, stopping in front of a clothing store when one's ears caught the exclamation, "Oh, isn't that neck-tie too lovely for anything; just like the one that Cholly wore to the party the other night?"

Presently along comes three little boys scarcely out of dresses, one of whom has a penny tightly clutched in his right hand while the other two range themselves on either side as a sort of body guard, not to the boy but to the penny, even as many older than they, pay homage to the relics of another. The penny has probably been given them by some mother with instructions to spend it to the best advantage, and they are discussing as to the relative merits of candy, gum and peanuts, each delicacy having an advocate. There wouldn't be much controversy in the mind of a member of the R. H. S., for the money would go for gum before you could say John Smith.

But to the three urchins the question is more momentous. It would appear that the one holding the coin has an advantage over the others, but one of them cries, "now I'll tell ma. She said to do the way we wanted you to and you ain't agoin' to get any nasty old candy with it." The result of the decision is not ascertained and we pass on with the reflection, "verily, wealth bringeth trouble."

It is nearly noon and coming down the street are a pair of school boys, each trying to entice the other into a bet of "the soda" that he is able, always was able and always will be able to teetotally demoralize the other at a game of chess. They seem to be perfectly safe in the bet as all the soda fountains are closed, but this side of the matter dosen't seem to strike their immaginative minds and they go over to the reading room to settle the dispute of supremacy.

The whistles are blowing for noon and we turn our steps homeward, only stopping for a moment at the shop of the pig tailed Celestial to ger our laundry. We have lost our check and it is usually "no checkee, no shirtee," but the oriental knows us and as we receive our bundle he assures us that it is "belly cold," and retires to the sanctity of his back room, while we skip lightly along to our home and dinner.

A STATEN ISLAND ROMANCE.

"Come with me," said my good friend the busy suburban doctor, two short months ago, "and I will show you a memorable case." So we drove into the poorer part of the town, through ill-paved streets to a small dwelling, tidy and neatly painted but very humble, with rough palings before it, a narrow yard and a porch at the doorway. Within were but three rooms on the ground floor and still fewer up the steep and only flight under the low roof. It was tenanted by Italians of the poorer class and by their lodger who lay dead in the house.

Over the door was a tablet on which was, as I remember, the inscription in Italian, "Here lived in exile, from 1851 to 1853, the world-renowned Giuseppe Garibaldi, hero of Italy." Crape was at the bell handle, and as the doctor was welcomed by the simple inmates we entered, and before us lay in state, covered with flowers, the body of a majestic veteran of eighty years. Across

his body lay his masonic sword on which his hands were peacefully clasped, and his long gray beard flowed down over his powerful breast. Mutely urged to register my name in one of several books filled with the names of visitors, distinguished and otherwise, I learned that this was the mortal part of Signor Meucci, a learned and high-souled Italian patriot, the life-long and long-surviving personal friend and comrade of Garibaldi, (who shared his exile in that humble abode,) and the inmate associate of Cavour and Mazzini in the struggle for Italian liberty. For more than a score, yes, a generation of years, had this poor spot been the home of this expatriated statesman and the Mecca of distinguished political refugees and travelers from his native land. His death mask had just been taken for a statue in his honor, and, as we lingered, came a magnificent wreath of roses, the tribute of Tommasso Salvini the great tragedian. Next day his body was escorted to the cemetery by a great concourse of the foreign population of the island, and there converted into ashes to be sent home to his fatherland at the charge of those of his political faith.

It was much to touch the external closing rites of so strange a career, but this was not to be all. "Come up stairs," said the doctor; and there in a narrow room and over a single bed on which the old man had died hung—*the original telephone;* the work of the hands and the invention of the brain now stilled. First set up on those poor walls forty years ago and destitute of the later improvements, its mouthpiece and rusty wires bore eloquent witness to the boundless possibilities of wealth which others had reaped at his expense; and of the poverty which had been his earthly lot—the too common poverty of inventors. It was the irony of fate; but I reflected, with Anne Bullen:

"'Tis better
To range with humble livers in content,
Than to be perk'd up in a glistering grief,
And wear a golden sorrow."

E. L. T.

The number of scholars in attendance at the evening school is so small that it is doubtful if it continues next term.

A FEW HOLIDAY CUSTOMS.

Every christian country has its own Xmas customs and legends some of which are very pretty and interesting. These customs have been observed more or less since the dawn of the Christian era, almost two thousand years ago, and some of these customs that have been handed down through so many generations I will endeavor to give.

Ever since Xmas has been celebrated there seems to have been a prevailing custom of doing good and of giving to the poor, as in Scotland where people for several days before and after New Years went about from house to house distributing a certain kind of sweet cake and sugared bread, and on the last night of the old year the company did not separate until after the new year had been ushered in, when they rose and mutually kissing each other wished all a "Happy New Year." In some countries children were accustomed to go about from house to house during the holidays disguised in masquerade and singing Xmas carols, and in the northern part of England little children go about singing songs for which the receive food, or perhaps a few pennies.

In the western part of Devenshire there is a superstition that at twelve o'clock on Xmas eve the oxen will be found kneeling in their stalls in an attitude of devotion, and another superstition is that at this time the bees sing in their hives and that bread baked at this hour will never become decomposed. Of course we all know about the mistletoe and the fate of the maiden caught under the "Mistletoe Bough."

The burning of the "Yule Clog" is still prevalent in some countries though not practiced as much as formerly. In our own country, although we have not as many of these strange old customs and those beautiful old legends only as we read or think of them, we have our "Santa Claus" and the delight of Xmas celebrations and we can sing "Peace on earth, good will to men" as sincerely as if we had been brought up in a land of legends.

ATTENDANCE.

No. of scholars registered in High School. ..58
" " " " " Grammar A....39

Total in High School Room....97

Of this number 27 have been perfect in attendance. The average daily attendance has been above 90 per cent of the number enrolled. While so large an average attendance is gratifying, both parents and scholars are reminded that much of a pupil's success depends upon regular and prompt attendance and are urged against absence except for very urgent reasons.

NOTES.

Good-bye.

Entertainment!

Oh that "big book"!

Coming back next term?

Don't study during vacation.

Hurrah for the red and white!

We have *heard* that J. has some new shoes.

Red-and-white has been adopted as the R. H. S. color.

The B class has voted to give an entertainment sometime in the near future for the benefit of the piano fund. It will be of a musical character.

The editors request all members of the school and all alumni to contribute to this paper. This is not merely an invitation but a request, and we hope that all will be more ready to report next term than formerly.

The idea of forming a snow-shoe club has prevailed among a few of the boys in this school for some time and has at last been carried out. The charter members are G. G. Wilson, F. D. Steele, W. B. Baldwin, R. C. Gilmore and J. P. Sawyer. The members of the club are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of some snow.

Although Harvey Kingsley did not graduate at the R. H. S. we may claim him as a former member of the school. He has been elected president of the Freshman class at Columbia College, beside winning honors in the athletic way.

Clauson "92" who has been absent from school on account of sickness is back again.

The young ladies' Missionary League of the Congregational church held a fair and sociable at the church on Friday, Dec. 4. The only ones who attended were those who had plenty of tin.

What shall our color be?
And who can tell,
The most appropriate
R. H. S. yell?

Our statistical crank has prepared a table showing the ages, heights and weights of the R. H. S. ball team of next year, with their various positions. The figures show how very light the team is. The average age is sixteen; the average height five feet seven inches; and the average weight 130 pounds. The color of eyes and size of shoes are not given, on account of the bashfulness of the nine. Dark eyes seem to prevail, though foot-ball is generally considered more conducive to black eyes than base-ball.

We hope all our readers will, during the holidays, patronize those who have so kindly aided us by their advertising, and thus indirectly aided the school by their favor. Let us show that we appreciate their kindness by patronizing them rather than those who refuse to aid us.

Have you visited the High School room lately, friends and readers? If you have you must have noticed some changes. Probably the first thing to attract your attention was the motto on the black-board, at your right, "Aim at Improvement." It was placed there by a gentleman who visited the school a few weeks ago. If your visit was made at the time when some classes, which I can recall, were reciting, you might have thought that the only good the motto did was to show handsome printing. I can't say that any of us would blame you much if you had decided that way, but if you belonged to the school or ever visited it often, you would change your mind, I hope. We can't help seeing it at some time during the day, and it is best to have it stay there, I think, if we all get as much good from it as—Nevah.

Fritz Burnham "93" who has been absent from school for the last three weeks on account of sickness has returned.

The first class in geometry have delighted Miss Kelly with their brilliant recitations this week.

Several of the boys of this school are intending to organize a dancing class.

Mis Mabel Curtis, formerly a member of '91, visited the R. H. S. last Friday.

Miss McHarg, who was last year the efficient teacher of music in the Rutland graded schools, is now at the New England conservatory of music at Boston.

We wish to beseech the pupils of the High School room to be more tender in their use of the "Webster's Unabridged" in the southwestern corner of the room. This poor creature has already begun to look worn and dilapitated and we hope you will be more careful of it.

The R. H. S. may lay claim to the authorship of a published book. This work is a collection of verses by E. P. Robbins, illustrated by M. Hooper. These may be secured for $5 by inquiring of R. C. G. or F. D. S.

The lecture given by Mr. Temple last Tuesday morning was very interesting and was much enjoyed by the scholars; the subject was "The City of Washington."

Many pupils of the R. H. S. have patronized the C. C. Store lately for the purpose of having their pictures taken. It is reported that among those who had "lucky numbers," were two of the editors of the R. H. S. NOTES.

At a recent meeting of the class of '91 they chose for their motto for next year, "Noblesse Oblige."

The lamps in the school room were left burning until noon, one day last week.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Fannie Kingsley '88 and Miss Lena Curtis '89, who are attending the Monroe School of Oratory in Boston, are at home spending the holidays.

Mr. Jesse Spencer '87 has just written and published a poem called Cosmopolitania which has been very favorably received.

Miss Mary Harwood '89, has returned home from Smith College for the holidays, and visited us last Thursday.

Miss Sue Sheldon, '88, with her sister Miss Janet Sheldon, is now at Frankfort, on the River Oder, near Berlin, where she is studying the language of the natives.

Mr. Newman Chaffee, '85, graduates this year from the University of Vermont.

Miss Helen Brown, '83, has a position as teacher of music in a Virginia school.

Miss Annie Gooley is in New York studying vocal music.

Miss Julia Stearns, '83, is studying at the State Normal school in West Chester, Pa.

Miss Carrie Orcutt, '87, has returned to Rutland after an absence of several weeks.

Miss Mattie Dye, '88, is now employed as clerk in Howe's candy store.

Mr. Chas. Martell, '88, who was recently appointed a substitute mail carrier has been obliged to give up his position on account of his health, and left last Wednesday for New York. From there he will go to one of the southern cities.

Miss Villa Styles, '89, has returned from the South where she has been visiting in Virginia for three months.

Mr. H. A. Francisco, '85, is studying at the Albany Medical College.

Mr. Edward Dyer, who attended the R. H. S. in the class of '87, is now in the University of Vermont.

Mr. Leeds Nelson, '85, was employed in the newspaper office recently burned in Minneapolis. He worked during the day, and was not in the building at the time of the fire.

Mr. Chas. E. Woodward, of the class of '89, now holds a position in the post-office. He says Uncle Sam keeps him pretty busy.

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NOTHING so delights the heart of the humorist as an opportunity to make fun of "New Year resolutions." It is almost pitiful to see how eagerly he jumps at any chance to jeer at these good resolutions which are to be broken, as a matter of course, within a week or two. But the humorist is a little off in his reckoning and we would suggest that he change his base a trifle, and ridicule the weakness and dishonesty of the man who breaks his promises rather than the resolutions themselves which are noble and right, and lend a double significance to the joy of New Year's Day. A few good resolutions on beginning 1890 would not do us a particle of harm. If we keep in mind our motto for the year and try to live up to it we will not need to make any more resolutions. Remember "Noblesse Oblige."

MANY school papers of our acquaintance have made some reference to the new Republic of Brazil. We are compelled to admire the accuracy with which they repeat precisely what has been said by the newspapers. We have become so familiar with some of these ideas that it would be a severe shock to us to read an editorial comment which did not declare that "such a quiet and bloodless revolution is unprecedented in history," or words to that effect. But please let us hear something new about Dom Pedro, even if it is only that he eats with his knife, or that he fails to pay the laundry bills for his ermine collars. The old gentleman was a very moderate and just monarch, but he was nevertheless a monarch. It is said that he believed the republic to be the best form of government. Oh, yes! He knew all that, but he thought it wisest to wait a while and let some one else have the honor of laying aside the crown. Pedro was too modest, persumably,—or perhaps he believed in Mark Twain's new doctrine that absolute power is the ideal thing in safe hands. We notice that the only disciples of this doctrine are those who, like Hank Mor-

gan, occupy thrones. However this may be, the new government will have to rule carefully and well to give as good satisfaction as Pedro has given for so many years, and they have made several blunders already. Gen. Fonseca in his manifesto hastens to assure the people that the Provisional Government, of which the General himself happens to be the Chief, is formed of the very best material to be obtained. That is a very comforting assertion, considering its author. The advent of the new Republic is very welcome, of course, but how much more joyful would be the tidings that Russia had thrown off the yoke of despotism. This great change for the better will come in time, but it is discouraging to have to wait so long for it. But the dawn will be only the brighter because the night was so dark and stormy. This instance of the sturdy western nation throwing off even a light yoke, while the older nations of Europe are suffering under their various forms of misrule, seems to show the characteristic progressiveness of the people of the New World, and that whether they are intellectually superior or not to their cousins beyond the Atlantic, they are certainly more advanced. May the time soon come when all nations will follow in the footsteps of the new Republic, or make tracks of their own in the same direction.

ONE of the most brilliant exhibitions we have seen of journalistic depravity was the abuse which the dead statesman Jefferson Davis received at the hands of shallow editors who thought they were showing their patriotism. Here are a few things to think of. Mr. Gladstone said that Jefferson Davis had founded a great nation. If the South had been victorious, would not Davis have been as much honored and respected as George Washington himself? It may be true that Davis was not a man of such lofty morality as Lee or Jackson, but have we any right to think that he was nôt conscientious? The civil war was a war of principle, certainly, but of political principle, not of right and wrong, pure and simple, as some people seem to think. It is never dignified to throw stones, much less so at a dead man. In this light these cyclones of invective seem highly amusing.

The Undergraduate of Middlebury College propounds these questions to editors of college papers. The NOTES is not strictly a college paper, and our opinions are of very little value, but we will answer the questions briefly, after which we will await with interest *The Undergraduate's* own opinions on the subject.

1. Which do you regard as the more important parts of a college paper, those which *must* be well managed in order to ensure the success of the paper?

We answer briefly that *all* departments must be well managed in order to ensure the success of the paper. The different departments, editorial, literary contribution, local and personal, exchange,—all in fact seem so indispensable that it is hard to decide which we consider the most important. In a newspaper, the editorial department is considered most important, we suppose, though a paper composed of editorials alone would be of little value. We say in short that there is a place for each of these departments and they are all necessary. This classifying scheme is rather absurd and we fail to see the object of it. The alumni column is the part which receives probalby the most attention from alumni and others outside the school who subscribe for the paper. This should therefore be well-filled and interesting. Our own column is far from our ideal and we will try to improve it in future.

2. Whether you have any definite aim in your management of the paper, and, if so, what it is; or is it your object merely to make it generally acceptable?

Certainly. The object of a school paper should be to give a reflection of life in the school, (see editorial in our first issue) to give as much interesting and amusing school news as possible and at the same time to give an idea of the best thought in the school, show what progress the scholars make in their education and what the general spirit among the students is. But, above all, the editors must keep in mind that they must put in nothing which will not help to make the paper interesting and entertaining. The question whether the editors should aim "merely to make it generally acceptable" is asked in a kind of sarcastic way. But the fact is that this is a perfectly praisworthy aim and should be the primary consideration in any paper whether college paper or not. For our opinions on the standard of merit in contributions, see editorial in the NOTES of December 20.

3. How much support do you receive from your alumni and what is the nature of it?

We do not receive as much support as we should like. We have several subscribers among alumni and have received some contributions from them. We would like to have many more. It helps any paper.

4. Does your paper pay expenses?

Yes.

5. Would you consider it a loss if the exchange department were eliminated?

Yes. As long as school and college papers do exchange, what more natural than an exchange column? For an illustration of its value we cite this very discussion. If it had not been for the medium of the exchange department we could not have thus heard our various opinions on this subject.

To the Editor of the NOTES:

I can conceive of no idea so absurd as that of holding a great international exposition of progress and prosperity in an inland city, the stronghold of 50,000 Anarchists, demons of destruction. I can conceive of no idea so effectual as that of holding the World's Fair in a seaboard city with a good location and the home of illustrious men. By these and other reasons I think, with Constant Reader, that the Fair should be held in New York city, the seat of enterprise, the metropolis of the Western World.

W. E. M.

NEW YEAR.

On the very last night of December way up in the sky where the years lived, there was great sorrowing for the news had been received that afternoon that Old Year, overcome by his vain effort to make the sun shine and to make the snow come and purify his world, was very feeble in health and it was the opinion of Old Father Time and Winter, who were his attendant physicians, that the poor old man would live but a few short hours longer and with this sad news had come a request that New Year, his youngest brother of whom he was particularly fond, should immediately come to the earth for he had chosen him to be his successor and had much to tell him ere he departed. How delighted New Year was when he heard he was to take such a long journey but his mother was far from being pleased for well she knew that his fate would be much the same as that of his many brothers who had preceded him and that if he ever returned at all he would not come as a happy laughing child but as a gray headed old man who had endured the hardships of a wicked world. As New Year was far too young to take the long trip alone his mother engaged "Good Resolutions" (a young gentleman of exceeding good character) to accompany him and so they set out and down, down they went until finally as they neared the Earth they discovered a little place which seemed to be built of icicles and frost; this they thought must be the abode of Jack Frost and they were not mistaken for when they reached the cottage and knocked at the door, which was made of ice crystals, it was opened by none other than Jack Frost himself who, upon their inquiring if he could tell them where Old Year could be found, replied that he was there in his own palace awaiting the arrival of New Year.

He bade them enter and they were shown into a very quaint little room artistically decorated with frost work and there at one side of the room upon a couch of snow lay an old, old man who as soon as he saw the new-comers beckoned New Year to come near him. Very joyful was the meeting although New Year could hardly believe that this man had once been his own gay brother. I could not hear all of their conversation but caught these words of Old Year.

"My dear brother I have very little longer to remain with you and I wish to give you a little advice which I hope will be helpful to you in the many trials with which you will meet. First of all as you enter upon your duties make Sunshine your friend. In this I failed and the year has been very weary without him; and then you must ask the flowers to make you a visit after snow has gone home; and be sure and have a good harvesting season and then you won't have so many hungry little children to look after. The World may seem dreary to you at first but after a while you will grow lighter hearted and will, I trust, be happy. One thing more, don't go about crying and blustering for this will make the people dislike you. And so good-bye dear little New Year, and may you have a pleasanter lot than has been mine."

And all at once his breath came quicker and shorter. Old Winter sighed and shook his head, Jack Frost shivered and poor little New Year burst into tears, but as they gazed a sudden change came over Old Year and he was again a fair young boy and as he smiled and tried to speak he began to float upward, and as he passed from view I heard these words:

"Good-bye, old Earth, I am going now to my better and happier home."

Strangely enough, as I listened I heard the bells in a far away tower chime out the hour of twelve.

BOOKS WORTH READING.

The Boyhood of Living Authors, by Wm. Rideing. This little book will prove of interest to the young student of American literature. It is made up of a serious of sketches on the early life of authors principally American although one or two great names in England and Scandinavia are included.

Young Folks' History of London, by Wm. Rideing. It contains interesting descriptions of the most famous buildings and localities in London and is of interest to the general reader as well as to the student beginning history.

Marjorie Fleming, by John Brown. The lover of Scott will find great enjoyment in Dr. Brown's essay on Sir Walter's Pet Marjorie.

The Prince and the Pauper, by S. L. Clemens (Mark Twain). A story that is in no wise true of the little king, Edward II, of England. It is a very pretty bit of fiction however and will prove facinating to "young people of all ages."

Our Country, by Dr. Strong. Especially valuable as giving an idea of the vastness of our country and its resources.

Columbus, by Washington Irving. Good reading in view of the approaching "World's Fair" and the events it commemorates.

The Spy, by Cooper. From this an idea of the current events and manner of life during the Revolutionary war.

Green Mountain Boys, by D. P. Thompson. An interesting story of our own State.

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NOTES.

Juhe.

Hola!!

Jubilate!!

Amen! Amen!

We row, we row.

In measured time we row.

Hark, the vesper hymn is stealing!

Read the Special Notice on first page.

Oh, say, have you brought me my cent?

What has become of the R. H. S. yell committee?

Miss Florence Patterson, '92, has returned to school.

Mr. Wilson spent his vacation in Providence, R. I.

The walls were leveled *with* the ground, so say the minority.

L. P. Sheldon, formerly of '91, now of the Albany Academy, visited the R. H. S. last week.

The Geometry class is through proving triangles similar and are now proving them singular.

Mr. L. E. Campbell, Vice President of '91, has returned to school after an absence of one term.

Some of the History class are anxious to know whether Godfrey of Bouillon was "in the soup."

James Hyde, formerly of '92, spent his vacation in town. He is attending school in Pottston, Pa.

Teacher—What does a conjunction denote? K.—An exhortation, command, or,—or secession.

A quartette consisting of Poronto, Campbell, Stewart and McDonough has recently been formed in this school.

Mr. Myrton Hill and Miss Bessie Pond, '92, have left the R. H. S. to enter the Rutland English and Classical school.

A new Worcester Unabridged Dictionary has been placed on the shelf at the back end of the room. We extend our thanks.

The motto of the R. H. S. for 1890 was painted on the wall during vacation and now beams down on us, "Noblesse Oblige."

J. P. Sawyer, '92, spent part of his vacation in New York. He visited the Eden Musee and had a very novel experience.

Perry Lane, '93, has left school to learn the printer's trade. This will not prevent his playing first base for the R. H. S. nine, however.

As red-and-white has been selected as the school color we think that all scholars of the High School should wear badges of those colors.

The entertainment committee, appointed by the B class, has made no definite plans as yet, but it is thought the entertainment will be abandoned.

Some are puzzled to know whether our cover is blue or green. We have come to the conclusion that it is "robin's egg color." This sounds well, at least.

The foot-ball season did not end last term, after all. The foot-ball was in constant use during the Christmas vacation and even for a short time this term.

Miss Bessie Faulkner, formerly of the grammar A, is now attending the Rutland English and Classical school. She expects to enter Mt. Holyoke at the end of two years.

When a young lady of '92 draws a map of South America upon the board so that it looks like a ball-club we think it is time to introduce drawing lessons into the school.

Here are some of the pupils of the school who have been absent on account of La Grippe: Misses A. Long, S. Long, Willis, Cheney, Howe, French, M. Bailey, R. Gilmore, J. P. Sawyer, J. H. Eggleston, E. Davis, F. Steele.

It is the duty of every scholar of this school to subscribe for the NOTES and the beginning of this term is a good time for all those who are not already subscribers to send in their 60 cents and thus show their interest in the paper.

The attendance at the opening of school last week was very small, only a little over half the school being present. This week however there has been a considerable increase, several devotees of the grippe having returned to school.

The ball nine for the coming season will consist of Sawyer, Steele, Gilrain, Davis, Welch, Eggleston, Lane, Baldwin and Parkhurst. W. B. Baldwin was elected Captain and E. B. Davis Business Manager. It was decided that the nine have suits and a committee was appointed to look into the matter.

Mr. McGinty has made quite a stay in Rutland. While here his acquaintance has been courted assiduously. He has been probably the hardest worked person in the country, and, instead of sinking to submarine regions, has been "run into the ground."

Miss Walker has been absent from school so far this term, as she has been in the grip of influenza. Last week Mr. Wilson heard her recitations but we have been fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Atwood for the rest of the time. Mr. Atwood now takes Mr Wilson's work and Mr. Wilson takes Miss Walker's.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Lucy A. Montgomery, '89, has gone to Boston to attend the Conservatory of Music.

Miss Norton, '85, and Miss Montgomery, '89, have gone to Boston to take lessons of Prof. John Orth.

Miss Nettie Stewart, '88, has returned to Mt. Holyoke Seminary after spending the holiday vacation in Rutland.

Mr. Henry O. Aiken, '83, formerly principal of this school, spent a few days in Rutland. He is studying at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Initial characteristics of the B class.

L. J. H.—Looks Just Horrid.
M. E. S.—My Editor Sister.
H. E. P.—Hair Est Pompadour.
E. K. H.—Ever Kiss Her?
B. A. V.—Bad Alto Voice.
G. H. F.—Grim, Haughty, Fearful.
A. W. S.—A Wicked Sinner.
W. B. B.—Witty, Brilliant, Beautiful.
A. S.—Awfully Sweet.
G. R. N.—Grace Reads Novels.
L. H. S.—LostHis Senses.
G. D. P.—Greene Didn't Pop.
N. C. T.—Nice Cicero Teacher.
F. D. S.—Found Down Street.
G. P. S.—Geometry Prize Scholar.
L. M. H.—Little Miss Heath.
R. O. W.—Rich Old Widower.
B. A. P.—Bright and Pretty.
M. O. S.—More Old Shoes.
L. E. C.—Lovely, Et Cetera.
S. M. T.—Scares Me Terribly.

EXCHANGES.

First on the list of new exchanges received since last issue is *The Dartmouth* published bi-weekly by the students of Dartmouth College. It is a model college paper in all respects and we hope that the first number received by us will not be the last.

The November number of *The Youth's Friend*, an amateur journal from Bennington, Vt., was the last issue of that paper owing to other business in which the editors have engaged. It is the intention of the editors to have the unexpired subscriptions filled out by some other paper or else refund the money for which they have given no equivalent in papers.

The University Cynic is received regularly by us and is always a welcome visitor.

We should think the *Howard Times* would be much improved if more original matter be printed in its columns, as at least over half of the paper is filled with articles taken from other papers.

We are in receipt of the Christmas number of the *Crescent* from Westfield, Mass. It contains one of the best and largest exchange departments we have seen, thus signifying the popularity it so richly deserves.

We are pleased to welcome this week the *Vermont Academy Life* from Saxton's River published by the Pi Beta Phi society of the academy at that place.

The last number of *The Cue* contains a very interesting article on antedeluvian journalism.

The *Oak, Lily and Ivy* comes to us from Milford, Mass.

The exchange column of the *High School Bulletin* is well conducted and the editors can justly feel proud of it.

Barbed Wire, *The Academy Student* and *The High School Times* are other new exchanges which deserve special mention.

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AN effort was made recently by some of the fair,—though not always fair-minded,—sex, to undertake an entertainment for the benefit of the piano fund. This craze spread to some of the boys, especially those musically inclined, and the matter was brought up in a class meeting, and actually carried through, as far as voting is concerned, despite the steady and determined opposition of the President of the class and his solitary ally. They stood by what they thought was best, but when beaten gave in as gracefully as possible, and supposed that was the end of the matter. But since then, much to their astonishment, the entire class have meekly reversed their opinion, and now signify their readiness to give up the entertainment. The aforementioned two are very glad that they are now better understood, and wish to say, by way of emphasis, that a straightforward request for subscriptions is more effectual than any attempt to raise money by entertainments and the like, which are almost invariably attended by more trouble and expense than benefit. When those who hold the purse-string are convinced that the R. H. S. really needs and desires a piano, we think they will be generous in helping us to procure one. An entertainment undertaken simply for the pleasure to be derived from it is a different thing. In that case too much ought not to be attempted. Any attempt to develop such musical talent as may be found in the school should be heartily encouraged. A male quartette has already been formed, and has much in anticipation. We wish it success.

THE question of High License or Prohibition is being agitated quite thoroughly at present. We students ought all of us to keep well informed on this matter and consider it carefully, for while we are not old enough to wield ballots, it concerns us as much as anybody. We hope it may not seem presuming in us to speak of a question which has taxed the gray matter inside of gray heads for many years and will continue to do so until something breaks loose and a radical change takes place. Advocates of

local option claim that high license is the only reasonable course when prohibition fails to prohibit, but we ought to consider very carefully before we throw up the executive sponge and declare that the law cannot be enforced. While it is a manifest evil to leave on the statute books a law which is disregarded, it is equally true that it is better to place the standard too high than too low, other things being equal,—assuming that all consider prohibition the ideal. The whole question for us, then, lies in whether the people of Vermont have a sufficiently high moral tone to support the prohibitory law. If not, it is absurd to attempt it, and high license is the right, and only right course. But we will not attempt to answer the question. The sooner the idiotic predjudice of some Prohibitionists toward honest High License men is removed, and they realize that they are both working in the same cause; the sooner they cease obstinately opposing them and join with them, the more will be accomplished to put down liquor.

Do not for a moment imagine that these are either arguments or opinions. We do not wish to venture any.

But, as we said before, each of us should think this over carefully, give attention to honest discussion of the problem and form his own opinions.

PROBABLY the most enjoyable feature of the school programme is the Tuesday morning talk. This is an informal lecture, of half an hour's time, given by one of the teachers or by some one outside of the school, on some topic of general interest. These talks are not only very entertaining, but are instructive, not so much because they teach us things we do not know, as any one who reads the papers ought to be fairly well posted on the subjects so far discussed; but it helps to fix the facts in our minds, arranges what we do know in more systematic order and gives us much less confused ideas than we could get by many incidental references or more specific comments in the daily papers. This arranging and condensing of ideas is the principal benefit. In the case of girls who, according to common belief, never read the papers at all, it will perhaps give them an excuse for not doing so, and it is doubtful whether this would be a benefit. But we will run the risk.

THE Editors wish to express their hearty thanks to the young ladies of the school who have surprised them by carpeting the Sanctum. We will be very glad at any time to admit those who have thus shown their interest in the paper to the inmost recesses of the "sanctuary" as we call it, and let their dainty feet patter up and down under the shadow of those classic walls. We mean no insult when we say distinctly that we shall trample their gift under our feet.

THINKING.

One original thought is of more value to a scholar than many facts memorized from the text-book.

In order to be of any use to the learner, every thought contained in the lesson must be incorporated, made a part of himself. Then he has something which not only man, but time can hardly take away. Those who in the lower grade who had more time than was required for the preparation of acceptable recitation, and spent their time in thinking, find that they have a firmer foundation for the harder high school studies.

We are told that the object of our going to school is not especially to acquire knowledge, but to teach us how to learn in later life; to make us capable of doing better the work which we may choose. Can we attain this object by learning our lessons just for the purpose of giving a good recitation? No, we must think; not perform some great feat of thought, but go as deeply as we are able into each day's lesson.

Often by a little thought the foundation idea of the whole lesson may be seen, and then studying the details dependant upon this principal, thought is very enjoyable work. Sometimes the habitual study for reasons will lead the learner into considerable work, but in so doing we should avoid many of the ridiculous answers which teachers often find in examination papers, even in the higher grades.

It is a fact that those who have the most ability do not usually stand highest in their classes. The reason for this, leaving deportment out of the question, is that those who learn easily do not spend much time in thought, while those who do not learn easily make up this lack by hard thinking. L. M. H.

ROBERT BROWNING.

By the death of Robert Browning in Venice, Dec. 12, 1889, England lost one of her greatest poets, and Italy the most interesting narrator of her customs and people.

Robert Browning was born in Cromwell, a suburb of London, in 1812. He was educated at the London University. At the age of twenty he went to Italy, where he remained some years in order to make himself familiar with all that was peculiarly Italian. He spent much time in the Monastries of Venice and Lombardy, exploring their dusty libraries and in the silent air of Monastic life calling up a more distinct image of the past than could be vouchsafed to him in any "bustle of resort." No traveler ever brought away a larger intellectual harvest than did Mr. Browning, and the effect of his Italian life is distinctly perceived by the readers of his poetry, alike by his choice of subjects and his treatment of them. In 1835 his "Paracelsus" appeared, but was not received with much enthusiasm. He wrote several plays but none attained great success. In 1849 his collection of poems were published. The grandest pieces in these volumes are "Pippa Passes" and "A Blot in the 'Scutcheon." The latter, in the opinion of Charles Dickens, is the finest poem of the century. In 1846 Mr. Browning was married to Elizabeth Barrett. Soon after her death he returned to England with his son. During the latter years of his life he lived in Florence and Paris, but at the time of his death was visiting his son in Venice.

Next to Thompson, Mr. Browning has been considered as the greatest poet of England, and the "London Examiner" thus speaks of him; "He was equally a master of thought and emotion, and joined to a rare force of imaginative creation, that which is still more rarely found in union with it,—the subtlest power of mental reasoning and analysis. Over the instrument of language he exerted the most facile mastery, and few poets have moved with such free and flowing steps through the most complicated word mazes of music and measure."

THE GAME OF CHESS.

This interesting game which just now is occupying the attention of some of our readers, was said to have been invented in Hindustan about the sixth century A. D. where it was known by the name of "Chaturanga," meaning the four members of any army, viz.: elephants, horses, chariots and foot soldiers; and in this sense the word is frequently used by epic poets in their descriptions of real armies. The Arabic writers have likewise accorded the honor of this invention to the Indians, and have delivered the following interesting tradition concerning its origin:

At the beginning of the fifth century of the Christian era, there reigned over the Indians a young monarch of an excellent disposition, but who, being corrupted by the flatteries of his courtiers, became the tyrant and oppressor of the lower orders. The priests and nobles were in vain endeavoring to repress his severities; when a learned Brahmin, named Sissa, undertook, indirectly, to open his eyes. With this view he invented the game of chess in which the king, though the most important af all the pieces, is unfit for an attack, or even for self-defence, without the aid of his subjects. The scheme was successful. The king became convinced of his error, and desirous of rewarding his venerable instructor, requested him to name his own recompense. The demand of the Brahmin was apparently moderate. He asked only a single grain of corn for the first chequer of the chess board, two for the second, four for the third, eight for the fourth, and so on in a continually doubling proportion for the whole sixty-four chequers. The king readily agreed to what seemed so reasonable a propos-

al; but when the treasurer came to calculate the amount, they discovered to their astonishment, that the whole resources of the government were insufficient to discharge the debt. They found, in fact, that such a quantity would be equivalent to 16,384 cities, each of which should contain 1,024 granaries, in each of which there should be 174, 762 measures containing, each of them, 32,768 grains of corn. Upon this the Brahmin took occasion to exhort his majesty upon how liable he was to be deceived by those who surrounded him and how necessary it was to take care that a bad use should not be made even of his best intentions.

Other authors ascribe the honor of the invention to the Chinese instead of to the Hindus. In the Chinese M. S. there is contained the following account of the game:

About 1965 years ago, Hung Cochu, king of Kiangnan, sent an expedition into the Shensi country, under command of a mandarin called Hansing, to conquer it. After one successful campaign the soldiers were put into winter quarters, where finding the weather very cold, and not having the company of their wives and children, the army, in general, became impatient and clamorous to return home. Hansing upon this revolved in his mind the bad consequences of complying with the request. The necessity of soothing the army appeared urgent, and being a man of genius, he invented the game of chess, as well for an amusement for his men as to inflame their military ardor, the game being wholly founded upon military principles.

The soldiers were delighted with the game, and forgot, in their daily contests for victory, the inconveniences of their post.

Dr. Halde, however, and other Chinese missionaries are not disposed to ascribe the origin of chess to China; and claim that the Chinese received the game from the Hindus. Mr. Furet asserts that it is said in the great Chinese dictionary, the Hai-Pien, that the game was introduced into China from India about 537 B. C. The claim of the Hindus, therefore, to the honor of this invention, seems to be the best supported.

It seems probable that chess was introduced into Europe by the crusaders in the 11th or 12th century, as at that period it was a game in very common use both among the Greeks and Saracens.

The annals of chess record some extraordinary performances of certain adepts of the game. The most remarkable of all was, perhaps, Mr. Philidor, whose exhibitions have been made in the presence of some of the most distinguished personages of the world. This wonderful player was probably the first who ever tried to play from memory. He has played three games at once, without seeing any of the boards, against some of the best players in London, and defeated them. He went through the games with great accuracy and often corrected the errors of those who saw the board. In 1747 he played a match of ten games with Stamma, a celebrated player from Aippo, giving him the move, allowing a drawn game to be a lost one, and betting five to four on every game. With all these advantages, Stamma only won two games, and one of these was the draw. Toward the close of his life he played against a Turk and was so badly beaten that the mortification, which he felt from his defeat, had the effect of hurrying his end.

I have only attempted to outline briefly some of the interesting points in the the origin of chess. It will probably never be our lot to be a Stamma or a Philidor, but we may at least learn the game and become fair amateurs. A good way to produce the above result will be to join the "Chess Club" recently formed in the Y. M. C. A. by the young players of Rutland.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

At the beginning of last term a subscription paper was circulated among the boys (and a few of the girls) in the school, for the purpose of obtaining money for the support of a ball nine, or at least to buy a few balls and bats. About five dollars was raised, and on the strength of this a nine was formed. A few balls and bats were purchased, and about sixty cents was left in the hands of the Treasurer. This was turned over toward the Foot Ball Fund.

In the memorable game with the "Hustlers" we parted with one ball and bat which we consigned to the safe keeping (?) of the Hustlers. Some others of our bats and balls met their fate at the hands of our *hard hitters*. On a shelf in the "Sanctum" lies a dirty, grass-stained oblong ball, a relic of departed glory, a memorial of the Rise and Fall of the Base Ball Fund.

NOTES.

"Yes?"

"Dab code!"

"*That* is the moon."

"Tanyard to-night?"

"Erect a perp——!"

"Please turn off the steam."

Snow! Snow! Beautiful snow!

The three days vacation last week was greatly enjoyed by all the students.

We favor the idea of holding Teacher's Institute at least once a week.

Billings, '92, has not returned to school since the opening of the present term.

Miss Heath, '91, attended the Teacher's Institute at Pittsford last week.

The subject of a class sleigh ride is being talked over by some of the B's.

The Cicero class are anxious to find out where "Scissor-shears" is.

Miss Anna Kelley, who has been absent from school on account of the "grip," has returned.

Walter Granger, '92, was taken sick while visiting in Middletown and is not yet able to return home.

Miss Cassie Willis, '92, has returned to school, after a prolonged attack of influenza.

Mr. Wilson delivered the address "How to Teach History" at the Teacher's Institute at Pittsford last week.

Qui per aetatem ad pugnam inutiles viderentur:—Those who through the summer saw useless fighting.

Prof. Atwood, who took Miss Walker's place for a week has returned to his home in Cambridge, N. Y.

The skating on the Tanyard was fine last week and was much enjoyed by the scholars.

A petition is being circulated in this school to have Greeley removed if he does not give us better weather.

Teacher. What is the technical term for the process of cancellation?

Bright Pupil.—Alliteration.

Misses Sleeper and Sedileau, of the B class have at last secured their "friendship rings." They are beautiful. We congratulate you girls, you certainly deserve them. "Nullus fructus sine labore."

We are very sorry to learn that Miss Walker will not be able to return to school for some time. Mrs. Edward Dana has been engaged to take her place for the remainder of the time.

Some very pretty blotters were presented to the Editors by some of the young ladies, which, with the new matting, give the little room quite a furnished appearance.

The beginners in Latin are at present engaged in reading a very interesting account of the travels of Smith, the Englishman, and Jones, the American, which is highly enjoyed by not only the class, but the entire school.

We are informed that the editors of the "Ring-tailed Roarer" contemplate sending some one around the world in hope of lessening the time of the journey to seventy days, and by so doing getting ahead of their esteemed contemporary, the New York World.

The Tuesday morning lecture of this week was by Mr. H. F. Field, who gave us an interesting sketch of the life of Robert Browning. Among other things Mr. Field mentioned the fact that Mr. Browning made but one public speech in his life and that consisted of only one sentence.

A recent issue of the "Rutland Herald" was dated Jan. 52. We were not aware that the months had increased in length although that date would suggest they had.

Very true. Teacher—Who was the next Emperor of Germany?

Studious Girl—Wenceslaus.

Teacher—And what did he do?

S. G.—He died.

Teacher.—What was the date of the founding of the Mongol Empire?

Scholar.—During the 12th century.

Teacher.—Well, what do you call the 12th century?

Scholar.—(emphatically.)—The 13th century.

Judging from the dense ignorance of the Physical Geography class in regard to the motions of the moon, we should judge that they had never been out after dark.

The "Ring-tailed Roarer" is a very bright little paper edited by J. E. Clauson and J. M. Goulding. It seems to be laboring under the delusion that the NOTES is an organ of the B. Class. We suggest that the editors read the heading of our paper. Small boys should not be saucy. We publish their exchange column which is a very fair sample of their scintillations of wit, to wit:

The *World* is a bright, newsy sheet and will in time become quite a fine little paper.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Jessie Clauson, '89, is now teaching in Brandon.

Mr. John Putnam, '87, who has been at home spending his vacation, returned to Dartmouth last week.

W. T. Ripley, '78, left Rutland last Monday with his family for Tacomah, Washington, where he will go into the lumber business.

T. E. Ripley, '83, is now in the employ of the Howe Scale Company, stationed at Cincinnati.

Miss Laura Cheney, '87, who is attending school in Oswego, N. Y., is at home spending her winter vacation.

Ignatius Donnelly recently gave us his interesting lecture on the "Lost Atlantis." We suggest that he or some other bright man write a lecture on the lost alumnæ. We judge that the majority of them are dead or dying, for nothing has been heard from them for, well, we can't tell how long. If you are alive and well please let us know of your whereabouts, and oblige.—Ex.

Apropos of this we would like to emphasize the fact that nothing so helps the editors as to have any information concerning alumni. No matter how trivial an item may seem, send it to us, and it will be very much appreciated.

The sad news was received last Friday, the 24th, of the death of an alumnus of this school. Charles E. Martell, '88, aged 20 years, died of consumption at Jacksonvile, Fla., where he had gone with the hope of benefitting his health. He was employed as mail carrier for a short time, but was obliged to give up work and go South. At the funeral, which occurred in Rutland, Jan. 27, his fellow carriers testified their regard by appropriate gifts of flowers. It is with regret that we cross off another familiar name from our alumni list.

EXCHANGES.

Our exchanges have been slow in coming in since our last issue. We hope that vacation had no bad effects on the editors.

We welcome a stranger, *The Marathonian*, published by the students at the High School at Marathon, N. Y. This interesting paper is especially noticeable for the cleanliness of its appearance.

The Willamette Collegian is one of the brightest and most fascinating of our exchanges, and furnishes an example which eastern papers would do well to imitate more closely.

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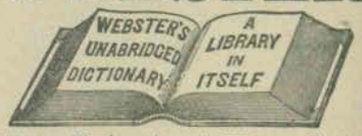

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WE publish this week the first of a series of letters from our friends at the colleges. These letters, coming, most of them, from alumni of the R. H. S., will, we know, be hailed with great rejoicing. Our Yale correspondent is the first to write, and will be followed by others at Columbia, Dartmouth, Amherst and other colleges.

THE Rutland County University Association had a very auspicious beginning.

The immense number of organizations of all sorts and sizes nowadays is surprising; there seems to be a craze for organizations. When a man's time is taken up by four or five different clubs or associations his interest in each one naturally flags, and this is the great danger to these clubs gotten up on the spur of the moment. In order to hang together, the members of a club must all take an active interest in it, and none should be admitted who do not. In case of organizations formed of members living in different locations, the danger is still greater.

The Association alluded to is restricted to college graduates, and while the line cannot help being drawn a little arbitarily, yet this same "line" is all that holds the society together. It is formed principally of business men who, moreover, are not bound together by love for a common Alma Mater, but the opposite. If the association keeps up its interest it will deserve much praise. We hope the good beginning will make a good ending, or, rather, not end at all.

Some talk has been indulged in respecting an Association of R. H. S. Alumni. Let us think a moment. When boys leave the High School they generally go to some college where they form stronger attachments, and rightly, than they ever could to a mere High School. Afterward they are scattered not only over the whole state, but the whole country. Would these men and women, who need the whole 24 hours and 365 days to take care of the practical side of existence, care enough about the High School where they were once graduated to put any time or tin into such an association? To

the practical business man, his college life and attachments, if he has any, look small enough, but his previous school life, as far as sentiment is concerned, seems very insignificant. This is the cold water side of it. On the other hand, a sort of good-fellowship society, connecting all alumni by a chain of correspondence, would be a good thing. It would be interesting to know the whereabouts of our class-mates, but all this could be accomplished by this paper, with the proper amount of aid from the alumni themselves, at a hundredth part of the trouble to them of an organization. We should steer clear of anything involving so much trouble and expense. However, we do not feel able to answer the question intelligently until we have heard more opinions from those who have thought more about the matter, and understand it better.

Some people innocently supposed that, because the *Rutland Herald* copied and endorsed an editorial in our last issue, the editorial was consequently an argument for high license. We wish we could find some means of getting it through their heads that we expressed no opinions whatever on what was best for Vermont, as we distinctly said at the time. A person who will not read an article carefully enough to understand what is clearly stated, makes an exhibition of himself when he finds fault with it. A school paper should be non-partisan of course,—none know this better than ourselves. The *Herald* had brains enough to see that the editorial did not side with either opinion, and good judgment enough not to try to make it appear so. Our obtuse friends had better read it again.

We regret that lack of space prevents our answering a letter which we have received.

FROM OUR YALE CORRESPONDENT.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 3, 1890.
Editors of the R. H. S. Notes:—

College life is one of great changes and vicissitudes. Surprises are frequent and not always welcome. For instance, you are suddenly confronted by an unlooked-for examination, and, perhaps, the next day you rejoice over a "cut" from recitation. In either case, especially the latter, you learn adaptability to circumstances. However, it is not my purpose to discuss the benefits of a college education, but to briefly state what has been going on here at Yale. The gayest week in a social sense, is the Promenade week, during which, city and college unite in showing hospitality to their guests. The opening event of the week is the Glee Club concert. It is an old time custom for the Freshman to display their numerals in some original and startling manner. This year they were very successful. A large transparency, in which were incandescent lights illuminating the numerals '93, was lowered above the stage of the theatre. It is needless to say that its advent was received with tremendous applause by the Freshmen, and chagrin on the part of the Sophomores, who expected to prevent such proceedings. The Sophomore German and the renowned Junior Promenade came next in order. The Promenade, held in the Armory, eclipsed all preceding ones in brilliancy, decoration and general splendor. Hundreds of people were in attendance. The floor was occupied by a continuous throng of dancers, the bright hues of the ladies' dresses contrasting with the sombre attire of the gentlemen, all forming a very kaleidoscope of beauty with ever changing figures and colors. The evening quickly slipped away, and the week of festivity soon passed.

Again we are plunged deep in work, with only pleasant recollections and empty pocket books to remind us of the round of gaiety. The different crews and all the college teams are now in active training. It is a common occurence to meet squads of men in white sweaters rushing along the streets, dodging people and carriages, skillfully avoiding all obstacles in their path. Do not be alarmed. They are neither ghosts nor escaped lunatics, only college teams doing their daily run. A college town soon gets accustomed to the ways of students, and easily overlooks their escapades. There is one more change I wish to note, a coming change, the time when the Freshmen can carry canes, and so advance one more round on the ladder of fame. This metamorphosis takes place on Washington's birthday. Then the lower class blossom out into a promising corps. The twenty-second of February is a red letter holiday for the whole college. As someone, doubtless a Yale man, remarked: "The best thing Washington ever did for this country was to leave it his birthday." How unfortunate it is for you that the twenty-second comes on Saturday! It is difficult for an outsider to understand well the ins and outs of college life, and all its pleasures and advantages. The best thing to do is to come and try it yourself. And of all colleges, come to Yale.

J. H. F.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

St. Valentine's day is a much degenerated festival, the only observance of any note consisting merely of the sending of jocular letters to parties whom one wishes to "quiz," and this confined very much to the humbler classes.

The day is now heralded by the shopkeepers decorating their windows with a vast number of missives calculated for use on the day, by the children and young people, who exchange them and think the joke exceedingly good. The newspapers generally record the extra amount of work done by the postmen. Such is generally the whole extent of the observance now participated in on St. Valentine's day.

At no remote period, the ceremonies were very different; ridiculous letters were unknown, and if any letters were sent, they contained only a courteous profession of attachment from some young man to some young maiden, honeyed with a few compliments of her various perfections, and a hope that his love might meet with hers in return. But the then proper ceremony of St. Valentine's day was a drawing of lots, followed by a ceremony not much unlike the present game of forfeits.

Mission, a traveller of the seventeenth century, tells us that the young people of England and Scotland celebrate a little festival. An equal number of maids and bachelors get together; each writes their true or feigned name upon separate billets, which they roll up and draw by way of lots; the men taking the maids' billets and the maids taking the men's: so that each of the men lights upon a lady whom he calls his valentine, and each of the ladies upon a young man whom she calls hers; but the young man sticks faster to the valentine that has fallen to him than the one to whom he has fallen. The valentines give balls and treats to their mistresses and wear their billets several days upon their bosoms or sleeves and this little sport often ends in love.

The young people also used to believe that the sweetheart whom they dreamed of on St. Valentine's Eve would be their future companion. It is said that a young lady, who believed in this superstition, once took five bay-leaves and pinned one on each corner and one in the center of her pillow, and just before retiring boiled an egg very hard anp ate it, shell and all, without speaking a word or drinking anything afterward; this was done in order to make the dream come true.

The young people also believed that the first unmarried person of the other sex, whom they meet while walking abroad on St. Valentine's morning would be their future love.

Such, and many more, are the observances which used to be held on St. Valentine's Day; but the origin of them is a subject of some obscurity.

The saint himself, who by some eclesiastical writers was a bishop, and by others a presbyter, lived in Rome and was beheaded in the time of Claudius.

It is said that he had nothing to do with the institution of these ceremonies; but that he was a man of such excellent qualities and so famous for his love and charity that the custom of choosing valentines upon his festival took its use from thence.

B. A. V.

SOMETHING.

What are you going to do when your

school life is over? Doubtless most of you have had this question under consideration for some time, and perhaps are looking forward eagerly to the time when school life shall be over, and free from its cares, as they now look to you, you will go forth into the world to seek your fortune. But lest some of you have not taken this subject into consideration, may I be allowed to say a few words?

Most of us, I think, have our favorite studies and our particular train of thought upon which we like to linger. And now while we are in school and have some leisure time, why not choose some study in which we take interest, and occupy our spare moments upon this subject and be gathering knowledge which may be of great help to us in the future.

Perhaps we may now choose what our life work is to be, and little by little be gathering such fragments as when bound together will make a good foundation upon which to build our intellectual tower, from which we look out upon the world.

I need not say that we may all educate ourselves a great deal by a good system of reading, for we all must know this.

Just be thinking about these things if you have never before thought of them, and if you consider it worthy, follow a little of the advice which I have so poorly given, and I think you will find that the benefits which you will receive will be of a good deal of value to you.

C CLASS INITIALS.

H. C. S. High concert singer.
F. B. P. Found Bertha's penny.
C. J. W. Can just waltz.
L. D. C. Lost down Center.
L. L. H. Little Lora hops.
W. J. F. Winning justice fairly.
C. A. B. Cowards abhor beasts.
M. J. W. Minus just wind.
S. G. L. So good lately.
M. L. B. Matchless little beauty.
G. M. F. Gestures made furiously.
H. R. G. Her royal grace.
A. H. L. All hope lost.
W. L. S. Won't live systematically.
E. B. D. Exceedingly boastful dude.
A. M. N. Any more nonsense?
M. F. M. My few marks.
B. M. N. Best modern notions.
R. C. G. Robbie chews gum.
J. M. G. Just making gin.
P. S. G. "Phlip" selling gin.
J. E. W. Judiciously earning wisdom.
C. B. H. Can't bang hair.
J. P. S. Jolly perigrinating schemer.
J. H. E. Jamming hens' eggs.
J. E. C. Judge, Earl, Counsel.

THE PIANO.

Yes, we have a new piano, thanks to the kindness of the Board of education. Our struggle for a piano has been long and eventful, and we are thankful that our efforts have not been in vain, but have been rewarded with this long wished for instrument of music. Our only regret is, that the class of '89, who so bravely contributed their efforts toward this long sought for end, are not here to share with us the pleasure of our "Valentine." For many years past, the pupils of the R. H. S. have hoped for a piano, but their efforts never took any definite shape until during the professorship of Mr. Folsom, through whose efforts and encouragement a concert was given, which netted $40.00. After this concert, the matter was dropped and was not revived until the present year, when a class meeting of the B's was held, and a committee appointed to see what could be done to increase the piano fund. This committee not being able to decide the matter satisfactorily, another class meeting was called and another committee chosen. It was then decided that "in spite of *great opposition*," we should give an entertainment, and a very pretty "Operetta" was chosen, but finding that the same was under consideration for an entertainment to be given by other parties, this was necessarily abandoned. It was then decided to refer the matter to the School Board, for action, and to defer the entertainment until they were heard from. The matter was again brought before the class, and a committee chosen to draw up and present a petition to the "Board of Education," the result of which you already know.

We all unite in a profound bow of gratitude to the "Board of Education" for their beautiful present, and we will try and repay them for their great kindness.

NOTES.

"Wow!"

"Who, me?"

"Ah, speak low!"

"Methinks I see it now!"

"There's music in the air."

"Old Uncle S., sezee 'I guess——'"

"Gents on this side, ladies on that."

Are you going to try for the flag?

"What can you tell me of the reign of Stephen?" —— "No, ma-am."

Welch, another victim of the grip, is back again.

Miss Walker is reported to be improving very slowly.

Rhetoricals were held on Monday afternoon, instead of Friday, this week.

Pro Jubiter, ibit—"By Jupiter, there he goes!"

Feb. 12 was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Teacher—"With what are the lungs lined?"
Brilliant Boy—"The heart."

Miss Emma Spaulding, who was one of the class of '91, last year, is now living in Marlboro, Mass.

Miss Toohey and Miss Pelton, '91, who have been absent from school for several days, have returned.

All subscribers to the NOTES will please send their dues to the Business Manager at once.

Prof. Wilson gave a talk on "Books and how to use them" at the Y. M. C. A. Feb. 2.

A burst of applause greeted Miss Cheney's rendering of Pamfili Doria at the rhetoricals two weeks ago.

A Kazoo quartette, consisting of the "big four," will hereafter give public exhibitions on short notice.

"The Coming Age" and "C Class Oats" are among the latest products of amateur journalism in this school.

The members of the new quartette are distinguished from their fellow mortals by badges of red and white upon which are printed "R. H. S. Quartette."

We would suggest that those who take part in the rhetoricals should speak louder, as it is difficult for those in the back seats to hear.

Students of the R. H. S. should patronize the advertisers in this paper, all of whom are honest merchants and will do just what they advertise.

It is rumored that there is a plan on foot to shorten the spring vacation by one week, and by so doing lengthen the summer vacation a week. We heartily indorse this action and hope it may be carried out.

The Ring Tailed Roarer will send its circumnavigator around the world, going north. It is expected that by so doing time will be gained on account of the flattening of the earth at the poles.

One of the numerous "funny scholars" in the B class, makes the following wise observation: "If we have 'aimed at improvement' ever since that motto has been on the board, I should think it was time for us to 'get there.'"

There was only one session of school last Friday, as Mr. Wilson was called to Montpelier to attend a meeting of the "School Master's Club," an organization composed of high school principals of Vermont.

The R. H. S. Quartette, consisting of J. H. McDonough, L. H. Stewart, L. E. Campbell and H. E. Poronto, is announced to sing at a sociable to be held in the rooms of the "Y's" on Friday evening. This will doubtless prove a great attraction. We have not, as yet, been informed as to what selection they will give, but it will probably be "We Row."

Teacher.—" What was the attitude of the natives toward the Spanish explorers?"

Scholar.—" They first supposed they were messengers from Heaven, but the cruelty of the Spaniards soon changed their minds and they thought they came from some other place."

The above distressing incident shocked the sensibilities of the History class recently. The practice of making profane allusions in the class-room should be stopped.

The Tuesday morning lecture of this week was given by Postmaster Field, on the subject of "The Postal Service of the United States and of Vermont." It was one of the most interesting lectures we have had. In 1784 there were five post-offices in Vermont, and the mail was carried on horseback by post-riders. These offices were situated at Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Windsor and Newbury.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Fred Bailey, '89, is studying French with Prof. Wilson.

Miss Jennie Bagley, '82, is now teaching music in Missouri.

Miss Bertha Carey, '87, is teaching school in Proctor.

Miss Kittie Crowley, '85, is teaching in Rutland.

Chester K. Frost, '86, is prospering in the west.

Miss Jennie B. Hart, '87, is teaching in the Mussey district, below the Fair Grounds.

Ned Ripley, '85, graduates this year from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

W. R. Dorr, '69, was married Feb. 12 to Miss Helen Thurston of St. Paul. He is now permanently settled in business there.

Walter Perry, '87, now holds a position as book-keeper for the Vermont Marble Co. at Proctor.

Miss Millie Ellis, '89, who is a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music, has been at home on a short vacation.

Miss Jessie Clauson, '89, visited the R. H. S. last week. Miss Clauson expects to enter the State Normal School at Castleton, next week.

EXCHANGES.

The January *High School Times* prints the First Prayer in Congress, which is naturally very interesting.

The Dartmouth gives no space to exchanges, but has a review column, which seems to be an excellent idea in a college paper.

The literary department of *The Academian* is very good. The January number contains an interesting article on the U. S. Flag.

The circulation and business management in general of *The Vidette* is something to be proud of. The paper cannot help being a success.

When one of our exchanges learns to take a criticism good humoredly, it will enjoy life better.

In looking over our exchange file we find only thirteen High School papers. These are all very creditable papers and we only wish we had more of them. Our College and Academy papers are very acceptable, but what we want especially is a good assortment of High School papers. If you do not know us, send us your paper just the same, and we will be glad to exchange.

We have sent the NOTES to *The Brunonian* and *The Lawrentian*, but have not heard from them. Also, what has become of *The Reveille?* We have not seen it since November.

We have received six new exchanges: *The Review*, from the Washington High School; *The Cadet*, from St. Johns College, Denver; *High School Breeeia*, from Deering, Me.; *The Central Luminary*, from the Kansas City High School; *The College Reporter*, from the Business College at Helena, Montana; and *High School Reflector*, from North Attleborough, Mass.

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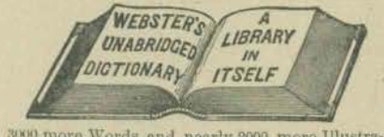

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HURRAH for Chicago! The NOTES evidently has more influence over Congress than we supposed, for their lamb-like obedience to our gentle suggestion is very creditable to that body. If anyone now doubts the truth of our statements in regard to Chicago's enterprise, let him hold his peace. Someone says the World's Fair in Chicago means a Democratic president in 1892. Well, we shall see.

JUST step around this corner a minute, we want to speak to you. Deo Volente, we are going to have some baseball this year. The suggestion of the NOTES favoring an immediate call to arms has been carried out to the letter, and we already have a nine organized and heartily interested in the coming prospect. The most encouraging sign is the willingness to brag of some of the formerly more reticent players. Enthusiasm is good, enthusiasm is essential, but money is also indispensable. We have no bloated capitalists in our nine, not one, and cannot play ball for the school and pay for it ourselves. We want you to help us as much as you can, and we will not be unreasonable. We want to be ready with our uniforms to begin practice as soon as the weather permits, and will need money immediately. If each one who is interested in us boys will show it by giving us a little lift when we are first starting, it will be thoroughly appreciated. All members of the school will of course be willing to help us without being thus urged.

NODS and becks and wreathed smiles greeted the announcement of our new privilege. We are to prepare lists of the books we read for our intellectual mentors, which lists are to be placed in the archives of this institution. What a blessed legacy to bequeath to posterity! The books, we think, should be properly classified under various heads, namely, scientific, philosophical, moral, religious, historical and fictional. This involves us in some difficulties. After "Cæsar's Gallic Wars" and "Swinton's Fifth Reader" have been disposed of, and due prominence given to the former by large letters, it requires some skill to

supply the manifest lack of "solid reading." But after a little practice we will be able to solidify many books, thus: "She" should be classified as scientific, treating of mental and spiritual science; "A Terrible Temptation," "Her Mother's Sin," "Thou Shalt Not," "The New Magdalen," and numerous others should come under philosophical works, treating of moral—or immoral—philosophy; "Peck's Bad Boy" is difficult to classify, but would probably be entered under historical works. Thus, with a little experience, we will acquire the art in assorting our limited library of investing with proper dignity those books whose covers have a more or less tawny hue. This development of our bump of discretion will be valuable to us in after life, notably in preparing tax-lists and the like. This is not compulsory. Oh, no. But it is expected that in consideration of the intrinsic value of the lists, and the inestimable benefit to future classes, we will gladly do it of our own accord.

But, seriously, although this plan at first seems more a penalty for, than an encouragement of reading, yet anything which will in any way awaken an interest in reading is a good thing. The older a pupil grows the more plainly he sees of what benefit his reading has been to him and the more keenly he feels the lack of what he has not thus acquired. There is a culture which comes unawares with good books that can come to an ordinary mortal in absolutely no other way. Every page of Dickens, every line of Scott, every word of Shakespeare is a treasure in our minds that we will have constant use for in intelligent conversation and in future reading. A thread of incident will cling tenaciously in the memory when woven into the fabric of an interesting narrative, when it cannot be pounded in by text-book study or soaked in by midnight oil.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD has a new novel ready. It tells of a mechanic who tries many kinds of life and phases of thought only to settle down in the Elsmere brotherhood.

It is intensely human to want to have the last word, but it is sometimes safer to let well enough alone. A second book would have a tremendous sale and be more successful, pecuniarily, than the other, but might not be as successful as an argument. Mrs. Ward should beware of tickling the tail of Mr. Gladstone for fear of a still finer pulverizing than she received before, for the old gentleman's magnificently energetic mind will not permit him to be a passive spectator of the Battle of Belief.

IT has been announced that the R. H. S. will "give a musical to its friends" on the eighteenth day of March Anno Domini 1890. This will not be given for the benefit of anything in particular, according to the common acceptation of the term, and will be done simply for the pleasure and profit of the singing. We think the plan a good one, (we *can* favor something occasionally,) and hope the school will co-operate with its principal and musical instructor in making it successful.

IT will not be necessary to say any more about our new piano than was so well said in our last issue. We only re-echo the thanks of the school, and of the NOTES as its representative.

FROM OUR COLUMBIA CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6, 1890.

As there are but few subjects of interest on which to write I take up my pen and write upon the subject which engrosses us at Columbia, namely, the installation of President Low. I had the misfortune to be an usher, or marshal, or any other kind of official who wears a badge upon this occasion and had an excellent opportunity to see the ceremonies; but all these honors did not compensate for the suffering which I underwent upon that day.

To begin with, I was summoned to meet our grand marshal at 9 A. M. upon the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House. I rushed through my breakfast and went to the stage entrance. I was told that if I went up three flights of narrow stone stairs and turned to my left I would find myself upon the stage. All these directions I followed and was much surprised to find myself in Frau Blanche Linge's dressing-room. The good Frau, however, was not in; if she had been, I doubt very much if I should have seen the installation; so, blushing hotly to find myself in such a strange place, I started down the stairs to find the stage. At the first turn, however, I found myself face to face with the college janitor, an august personage of some 300 pounds, and whose eyes seemed to have been made at different times, and for different men; owing to this optical misfortune he failed to see me, and—well, I have been more or less lame ever since. With his aid I found the stage, and no one upon it, and I sat myself down amid the scenery of Gœtterdæmmerung and waited. By-and-by my fellow sufferers came and we were told to admit no one without a ticket, a valuable instruction, and to send all women and other irresponsible creatures to the peanut gallery. But why linger here; at length the vast assemblage is seated and the orchestra begins a sad, love-sick tune, in comes Pres. Low, arrayed in purple and fine linen, leaning upon the arm of the Hon. Hamilton Fish, after these, the Professors, decked out in ermine and gaudy colors,—I confess it made me sad to see these good men arrayed like the lillies of the field. Up to the stage they go, now the good Dr. Duffie makes a prayer, a good long, descriptive prayer it is, too, and Rev. Morgan Dix speaks, looking very hot. Now the grand moment is come; the Hon. Hamilton Fish, who seems very infirm, gets upon his aged legs and muttering something, he gives Mr. Low a bunch of keys and a little brown box. All the people on the stage rise and cheer; we do likewise,—we presently find out why, and sit down,—Mr. Low has been installed !!! Drink of some kind is given to Mr. Fish, which he receives in a manner worthy of his name, and more speeches are made. The Opera House is very hot, so I seek much needed rest after my labors, upon the shoulder of my neighbor; he objects mildly, and I lose my temper: I am soothed, however, by the benediction of Bishop Potter, who also looks very hot, and is dressed in red. Everyone congratulates Mr. Low, the installation is over, and the band plays—some more, I don't remember the tune, but I know it wasn't "Annie Laurie" or "McGinty." I think it was a march from "Neiberlungenleid."

H. R. K., '93.

A STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

George Washington, the father of his country, was born Feb. 22, 1732, and died Dec. 14, 1799.

Some self-constituted seers say that early development does not fulfill its promise in middle age; that one who shows an ability to perform remarkable feats at an early age does no better than a person of ordinary ability when he has arrived at maturity; but Washington certainly furnishes a remarkable exception to this theory.

In fact, from his earliest childhood, he seems to have been a true man.

Washington was as fearless as the wind that blows.

To illustrate his fearlessness and high moral courage even at this early age, I shall resort to a little story which perhaps is new to some of you.

Augustus Washington, Georgie's father, had a very choice tree of the cherry persuasion growing in his garden.

Cherry trees were not as plentiful in those days as now, as fruit tree and book agents had not yet been let loose (like the locust) to devour every green thing.

Little Georgie had been made the present of a new hatchet. Of course he was very much pleased with it, and what is more natural (he was in some respects after all a boy just like the rest of us) than that he should seize the first opportunity to try its quality on a worthy object?

I am unable to say whether he went straight out to the cherry tree with the premeditated resolve to cut it down, or whether he came upon it accidentally in the course of his wanderings; perhaps imagining himself in pursuit of a whole war party of indians.

Perhaps he imagined there was an indian in it, or perhaps he wanted some cherries, who knows?

At any rate he cut it down, then as soon as he had scalped the indian, or eaten the cherries, he immediately betook himself out of the immediate neighborhood of the stricken tree.

His father, who kept careful watch over this particular tree, was not long in discovering its deplorable state.

He knew by the appearance of the stump, the probable cause of its downfall, and immediately sent for his ambitious heir.

George surmised what was in store for him, but decided (like the brave boy he was) to speak the truth and shame other boys.

How can I describe the affecting scene that followed!

His father inquired, kindly but firmly, if he knew who cut down the tree, and the dear boy, without hesitating or flinching, answered: "I did it with my little hatchet."

Now happened the strangest thing of all.

The father was so overpowered by joy at this exhibition of his son's high moral courage, that he entirely forgot to give him the well deserved flogging he was going to give him, and folded him to his breast with the remark that he had rather have him cut down a thousand cherry trees than tell a single lie.

George, the manly little fellow, was *very* much pleased to find that his parent appreciated his good qualities, and had for the time being forgotten his bad ones.

As I have but a few moments left, I will employ them in trying to bring before you the moral and social aspects of this little story.

First, what does this story teach?

It teaches that great men *are* truthful sometimes, in childhood, anyway.

That, although he was not born of "poor, but honest parents," he was honest just the same.

That the ways of modern progress are not as degenerate as the croakers about "the good old times" would have us suppose.

To-day, if George Washington Jones should do the same trick, his father would silently, but portentously cut a withe from the same tree, trim it with excruciating care, while the culprit stood near, an unwilling spectator of these proceedings, then proceed to give the aforesaid George a blood invigorator, calculated to eradicate from his system any desire afterwards to indulge his mischievous tendencies upon cherry trees.

I have tried my best to draw a moral from this story, and although it is considered to have a great moral influence upon the people, I can't say that I see anything particularly wonderful about it.

It is nothing more than any American boy would do; that is if he was pretty sure that the truth would affect his father the same way it did Augustus Washington.

J. H. E.

THE STUDY OF LOCAL HISTORY.

One of the most important investigations now carried on by the scholars, historians, and even the statesmen, is that of Local History. While General History has a prominent place in the list of studies in our public schools and larger literary institutions, Local History has found no place until within the past decade, even if it now has a designated place except as an optional study. It is a question whether it ought not to take precedence of Ancient and General History. There are many people who can talk glibly and in a manner understandingly of Ancient History, or of the earlier history of the country, who can tell you little of the history or tradition of the town, county, or state where they were born.

We are told to proceed from the known to the unknown, from the near to the remote, and from the well understood to that which is not so well understood. Under this law, Local History should have the first place. The recent struggle for the location of public buildings might throw some light upon the struggle which took place more than a century ago for the location of the county court house in Rutland, also in reference to war for the location of the State Capital here, twice within the present century. A primary election might throw light upon even an electoral commission. So, too, the history of the organization of a township or of a county illustrates that of a territory or a state. The Local History of no county in the United States furnishes a better subject for study nor one more instructive than that of Rutland. A number of striking and interesting historical facts might be brought out. Rutland for a time was the capital of the state, and the old state house (now a dwelling) is still standing on West Street. Tinmouth, now a small community, was the county seat, with a log court house and jail, and a portion of the latter is still in existence. Three Governors of Vermont are buried in three different grave-yards in the town. Two United States Senators have their graves there also. At Tinmouth is a monument commemorative of one of the earliest United States Senators, who negotiated the admission of the state into the Union, a friend and correspondent of President Washington, one of the most eminent legal writers of any time, and among the greatest of American lawyers.

So nearly every town possesses many historical incidents in its history, and some of these of national importance. These and many other facts of local history could be brought out and elaborated. Rutland county has, within its borders, one of the battle-fields of the Revolution. Our distinguished inventors, our statesmen, our soldiers, our ministers, our lawyers, our educators, our philanthropists are all proper subjects of study in their relation to the larger history of the whole country. Rutland county is worthy of study, the polyglot character of its original settlers of so many nationalities has produced a race which in all departments of the progress of civilization and of human liberty has furnished distinguished leaders.

C.

LONG SIGHTED.

It was on a fine summer day of 18—, that a group of tourists were gathered on the south shore of Long Island, viewing the broad Atlantic.

Each of the party, in turn, took a look through a large marine glass, when finally the gentleman in charge asked an elderly lady of the party if she would like to view the Atlantic through the glass, and she consented with pleasure.

After looking through the glass for a minute or two, the gentleman asked her if she could see a certain ship.

"Yes, plainly."

"And can you see that ship near the horizon?"

"Yes, and far beyond that I see trees; I am long sighted, you know."

"I think you must be, madam, for the nearest tree is four thousand miles distant."

NOTES.

"Chicago!!"

"Gimme a pill."

"Did I hear you?"

"The next Miss Lewis."

"Oh, those black dots!"

"What shall we mourn?"

We expect a visit from examinations.

The members of the Cicero class are delighted to recite to Mr. Wilson again.

J. P. Sawyer, '92, has been absent since Tuesday morning on account of sickness.

Miss Sedileau has been absent from school for the last week.

The spring term of the State Normal School at Castleton opened on Feb. 18.

Professor Wilson says gum chewing shows a lack of taste.

The Tuesday morning lecture of Feb. 18 was given by Mrs. Dana, on the subject of "Books."

Miss Mattie Bailey, '92, and Fred Bailey, '89, are visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Leroy Phillips, who is at Amherst, has been at home for the last two weeks, on account of sickness.

Miss Bertha Davis, who was once a member of the class of '91, is visiting in Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Only two school-houses in Vermont have the American flag floating over them; why cannot the R. H. S. be the third?

What could add more to our rhetorical exercises than the graceful (?) gestures which are always generously contributed?

The final examinations in the Grammar A class in book-keeping and civil government have been given, and botany and Shakespeare now take the places of these studies.

Physics will probably be completed this year instead of taking up Chemistry as in former years. This is said to have been done through the desire of the Physics class.

The college graduates of this year call themselves "members of the class of '90." What will the class name be in 1900? The class of '00 would hardly do in view of the self-appreciation of the average college man.—Ex.

The melodious voices of the R. H. S. Quartette resounded through the Town Hall on the evening of Feb. 19, the occasion being a fair given by the ladies of the M. E. Church. It was a very difficult place to make a first appearance, and they did very well.

Mr. Temple was present at the singing lesson on Feb. 18, and at the close he complimented the scholars on their improvement in singing, and said he had no doubt that the Board of Education would never regret the Valentine which they sent to the R. H. S.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in the R. H. S. by the usual rhetorical exercises, the subject being "Washington." These consisted of essays and recitations. The essay of Mr. Eggleston, '92, on "A Story of Washington," caused much laughter.

The Tuesday morning lecture on Feb. 25 was given by Mr. J. H. Goulding, and was an interesting description of the movements of the armies in the battle of Cedar Creek. Miss Ruggles' school was invited into the High School room to listen to the talk.

This is the form of the new Book Report:

Title . . . . . .

Class . . . . . .

Author . . . . . .

I have read the following books by the same author . . . . . .

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Reasons for reading. . . . . .

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Opinion of Book . . . . . .

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It has benefited me in the following respects . . . . . .

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Ray Munger. '89, was present at the rhetoricals of Feb. 21.

Mrs. Edward Dana, who is now taking Miss Walker's place in the R. H. S. was a member of the class of '77.

Miss Lena Curtis, '89, and Miss Fannie Kingsley, '88, who are attending the Monroe School of Oratory in Boston, are at home for a vacation.

Miss Maggie Ross, who was a member of the class of '89, has returned from Granville, N. Y., where she has been visiting.

Hugh Davis, '89, is employed by the Central Vermont, in the office of accountant Wooster.

Henry S. Parker, '82, has now been four years in the employ of Gen. Kingsley.

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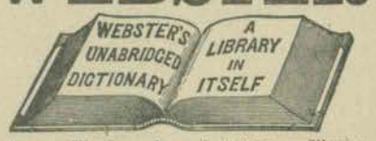

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A SCHOOL-TEACHER who evidently believed in old-time methods was asked in what devotional exercises his school participated. He replied, "Well, the first thing every morning I read a chapter from the Bible, and sacrifice a boy." Those unhappy victims in this school who are condemned to expiate their sins on the rostrum, when summoned daily to a rehearsal, have somewhat of this lamb-to-the-slaughter feeling. The rhetoricals may be looked upon as the inevitable penalties for the blots on our deportment. If so considered, they are certainly a very beneficial sort of chastening.

In giving self-possession and good address on the rostrum nothing equals a debating society. If a man has something that he wishes to say, he very soon finds himself able to say it, and say it in the best way without thinking about his delivery, while it requires a great deal of practice to spout forth with anything like sincerity or feeling the orations of another. A person ought not to be blamed if he makes gestures like a machine, and a very rickety one, and fails to become excited over someone else's speech. He does well if he keeps his face straight. These remarks of course apply more especially to "oratory" than to poetry or narrative. An active member of a debating society by practice in the business meeting and in debate acquires the art of speaking intelligibly as well as intelligently. He must, if he expects to amount to anything. Such a society is a valuable adjunct in any college, but as it requires a good deal of ballast in the shape of staid and sober persons of maturer years to keep it steady and prevent its becoming a place for amusement and trifling, we think in this school it would be utterly impracticable; so it will probably be our lot to continue our parrot exhibitions and machine-made bows indefinitely.

WE have come to the end of another term of school work. We have not accomplished as much as we might have wished, owing to the illness of our pre-

ceptress and the delays incident to the change of teachers. But as this was no fault of the scholars, they need only regret their own record in—in—well,—various ways. The one redeeming feature is the improvement in singing, due in a great measure to the new piano. "Noblese Oblige" still beams down upon us; on some with smiles of approval, on others with frowns of displeasure or encouragement to better work. We are of the latter class and do not think we are in the minority. The early Romans, in time of calamity, appealed to the Keepers of the Sibylline Books to find out the course of events. After careful study of the sacred scrolls, we have decided that it is the will of the Gods that the iniquitous people apply their hearts unto improvement in deportment, especially in some parts of the Temple of Wisdom, such as the South West corner and the North East recitation room. If they harden their hearts and hearken not unto these warnings, woe be unto them.

Therefore if we covet a creditable year's record we must work with a will, for at the end of another term we may have nothing to live on but the might-have-been, which is not the most appetizing diet.

If we had seen the new book reports when we wrote the editorial in our last issue, we could have spoken more understandingly. The "list" has grown into a more elaborate plan than we anticipated, and comprises quite an extended report for each book. The books are not only classified as we suggested, but the reasons for reading and opinion of book are also given. "Thirst for knowledge" was given as an answer to to the former and would serve very well for most books. We cannot quite overcome the feeling of the absurdity in our passing judgment on many of the books we read, or ought to read. It will require a little time to become accustomed to our lofty seats as critics, and sit with ease upon them while serenely picking to pieces such authors as Shakespeare and Browning, or Howells and Bellamy. We think a collection of these Opinions of Books would make a very fair humorous volume, which, if saved about twenty years, would have a large sale among its several authors. The list of novels which has been furnished us will be a great help in selecting books. It is itself a fine piece of work; the unexpected insertions and apparent omissions only show the care with which it is prepared.

In looking over the laws of Vermont we have made a startling discovery, and hasten to warn the dear public of the great moral danger of having such a glaring blot upon the statutes. We refer to the licensing of dogs. Dogs are an evil. Dogs are odious. Dogs are abominable; else why should we be obliged to ransom their unhappy lives. Dogs, we say, are an evil. But can it be right to *license evil?* Think of it, good friends, LICENSE EVIL!!! Let us protest against this monstrous affront to the best sentiments of true morality, and take our stand for *principle!*

This is the last issue this term. Our next number will appear in four weeks. (The plebeian scholars have only one week of vacation, whereas the editors have four.)

Our college letters have been enjoyable, and our literary department as a whole has, we think, been improved. We wish to again emphasize the fact that this is a school paper, and that we want contributions from the school. Matter contributed by our own scholars, if it has sufficient originality, always deserves the preference. We hope there may be a few persons who appreciate our efforts to raise the standard of the paper.

HISTORY OF THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

There is no branch of the public service that comes in so direct communication with the people of this country as the post-office department. The post-office is an institution that all classes of people patronize, both high and low, rich and poor, but few realize the magnitude and greatness of this one branch of the government service.

The post-office clerk little realizes how important a message the small white envelope he has just assorted may contain. It is only a little thing—a letter—yet it may contain the message of joy or one of sorrow, telling of life or death, success or despair.

I wonder how many there are who know that our own little Green Mountain State had a postoffice department of her own, but such is the fact, for we are told in history that the Governor's counsel concurred March 5th. 1784, with the general assembly at Bennington, in the appointment of Anthony Haswell of that place Postmaster General of the State.

At that time five post-offices were established, viz.: at Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Windsor and Newbury, and all under regulations governing other offices then in operation in the United States. Post-riders were appointed, and the rider from Bennington to Brattleboro was allowed three pence a mile, while all the other riders, including the rider from Bennington to Albany, were given but two pence per mile.

I have never been able to learn, although I have endeavored to do so a great many times, who the postmaster of Rutland was, in the year 1784. The post-office at Rutland was first established under the United States jurisdiction on the 20th of March, 1793, and Frederick Hill was appointed postmaster. In the year 1810 the post-office was in a small red store south of the old county court house on Main street, and William D. Smith was postmaster. In 1836 the post-office was moved into the county court house and T. J. Ormsbee of Proctor was postmaster. In 1841 it was moved into the old printing office which stood on Main street, in what is now William M. Field's garden, and Jesse Gove was postmaster. Soon after this the old Town Hall on Washington street was built on the land now owned by D. M. White, and John Cain was appointed postmaster. In 1856 the office became presidential, that is, the postmaster was appointed by the President of the United States; heretofore the appointment had been made by the Postmaster General. In 1856 it was moved into the United States Court House and post-office, where it has remained ever since. From that time to this, a period of 32 years, there have been seven different postmasters. The oldest living postmaster of Rutland is Reuben R. Thrall, who I believe is now 92 years of age. He occupied the position for seven years, from 1822 to 1829. In order to show the growth of the business at the Rutland post-office, I would state that the number of mails received and sent per day 22 years ago, you could count on your fingers, while to-day, the number exceeds 110. The receipts of the office at that time were about $5,000, and to-day they are over $20,000. The money order business at this office went into operation in 1864, and amounted the first year to about $4,000; to-day it reaches almost a round $100,000. The number of registered packages received for Rutland and passing through the office, was about 2,500, while now the number reaches 35,000. At that time two clerks did all the work, while to-day there are 15 clerks connected with the office. At that time the postage on letters was three cents in this country, and to Europe 24 cents; to-day, you can send a letter for two cents to any place in the Union, while the postage to London is only five cents. The free delivery system was established here October 1st, 1886, and the carriers handled the first year 1,906,460 pieces, while last year the number reached the grand total of 2,376,028 pieces. Benjamin Franklin was appointed the first Postmaster General for the American colonies. Far-seeing and in advance of his time as was this noble man, he could have had very little conception of the future which awaited the postal business in this country. When this great man passed away (1790) there were only 75 post-offices in the United States, while to-day there are 59,835.

The total revenue of the post-office department for last year was $56,175,611.18. Notwithstanding this enormous income, there was a deficiency of $6,350,183.43. Referring to this large deficiency, it reminds me that there are some large firms in this country who are to-day crying

for penny postage. If Congress at this session, or even the next, should reduce letter postage to one cent, I should fear the change at the present time, as I believe there is no department in the whole public service where there is so much given the citizens of this country, for the amount of money they spend, as this very same postal service, which, by the way, is the largest in the world. If we were to have one cent postage at the present time the deficiency would be over $20,000,000.00 the first year. Why have such a large deficiency, when by waiting a few years we can make both ends meet? It will be remembered that I do not favor a reduction in postage rates at the present time, and I fully indorse what Postmaster General Wanamaker says, "that he prefers to conduct the business of the department on the principle of the sleeping car companies, not to reduce the rate, but to improve the service."

It will be a surprise to you when I make the statement that some of these 59,835 postmasters receive a salary of only $1.02 per year, but it is a fact that the postmaster at Edgewood, N. Y., receives only $1.02 for his salary, and there are in the State of New York alone, 53 postmasters who receive less than $10 per annum for acting as posmasters.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

The great need of postage stamps was clearly manifest as early as 1840, but the suggestion was laughed at and those who had been foremost in advocating this measure were at last obliged to give it up as a bad job. The matter did not rest long, however, before others saw the great benefit of having a stamp of some kind, so the matter was again advocated, and this time it met with success, as a bill was soon after presented to Congress, and after a great deal of discussion and opposition, the act, authorizing the issuing of postage stamps of five and ten cent denominations was passed and approved on the 3d day of March, 1847, but there was a delay in the contractor's work and the first stamps issued by the United States government did not appear until the 5th day of August of the same year.

A few years later there appeared the new series of one and three cent stamps and soon after another issue of the additional denominations of 5, 12, 24, 30 and 90 cents. Before the using of stamps the postage on letters were paid in money, the amount marked in red ink on the letter, showing that the postage had been prepaid.

F. A. F.

(To be continued.)

"THE OLDEN PRINTERS."

It was a pleasant day in the summer of 1423 when Lawrence Coster, a Dutchman, who lived in the town of Haerlim, decided to take his family into the country and enjoy a holiday. So, boarding a canal boat with his wife and children, he proceeded up the river until he came to a pleasant spot where he could enjoy his picnic undisturbed.

After partaking of a good dinner (that is, I infer that he must have indulged in some stimulant of that sort, for a Dutchman's brain is generally more active after he has eaten so much that it is an utter impossibility to make any physical exertion), he seats himself under a tree and idly begins to carve his name in the bark with his knife, when lo! an inspiration seems to take possession of his faculties and the idea comes to him, "Why not cut these letters into blocks, tie them together, cover them with ink and paint?" Happy thought! reminiscences of the picnic fade away and, if he is the model of a Yankee, he betakes himself with all speed to his home, leaving his wife to follow with the picnic baskets.

Arriving home he quickly set to work, with the aid of his apprentice, John Guttenberg, cutting type and printing pamphlets, doing other small work, but holding their secret to themselves.

But in the midst of their success there comes a calamity which well nigh ends the bright hopes of future glory that they have commenced to form. Lawrence Coster dies and John Guttenberg is compelled to stop publication, but not for long. He goes to Bingen and endeavors to find some substitute for wood of which to make his type. At Bingen he is unsuccessful and he goes to Stratsburg, where he lays his case before John Faust, a wealthy goldsmith of that city, who at once takes an interest in the scheme and extends a helping hand to Guttenberg.

Together they work at their plans in an underground cave, until success smiles upon them and they obtain their first proof. The result exceeds their most sanguine expectations and they at once proceed to publish the Bible in their own type. In 1450, their first book appears and is a model of neatness and accuracy, compared with the previous "hand-written" editions. A copy is sold to the king, Charles VIII of France, and to the Archbishop, each of whom is certain that he has the only perfect copy in existence, and neither suspecting the method of publication. But their suppositions are soon dispelled by the news that nearly every rich merchant in Paris has a Bible exactly similar to theirs. To say that these worthies were astonished does not half express it, aud they began to think that the evil one was planning for their destruction, as at that time the "Bible" was considered extremely dangerous.

After they had recovered from their stupor they proceeded to investigate and traced the books to John Faust as their maker, and he was accused of "selling himself to the devil" and threatened with execution, and to save his life he was compelled to divulge his secret.

A short time after this William Caxton, a rich merchant of London went to Holland to buy goods, and while there thoroughly examined the several printing offices. He was much pleased with the art, and when he returned to England he took some type with him and set up an office, in a chapel of Westminster Abbey, where the first book printed in England was published (1474), treating of the game of chess.

It is likely that the printers did not have a high respect for the many priests who frequented the Abbey, for whenever they made a blot they called it a monk, and a space they called it a friar, while the boy who brought up the ink from the cellar and got his face and hands all daubed in so doing, they called the "devil."

From that time the art of printing has been constantly improved, until at the present time it has reached its "zenith." The benefits which the present generation have derived from the invention is incalculable, and we may well thank Lawrence Coster for his brilliant idea, more especially his wife, who prepared the excellent dinner through which his ideas reached their climax.

NOTES.

"6—200."

"Red ice!"

"Bananas for 3."

"Do you mean it?"

"Hanxious and 'aggard."

"It's most awfully fetching."

"You hear that boy laughing."

Which do you prefer, the "pug racket" or the "pig-tail gag?"

The present term ends Friday, March 21, the spring vacation consisting of one week.

The R. H. S. quartette, we are informed, are rehearsing three nights in a week.

Teacher—"How much is five minus two?" C——, "Six." Applause.

Miss Sedileau, who has been absent from school for some weeks, has returned.

Skating was good on the Tanyard last week, and the R. H. S. was well represented every evening.

Fred Bailey, '89, and his sister Mattie, '92, returned from their pleasure trip to Washington on the first of March.

Miss Mabel Curtis, formerly a B, was present at the rhetoricals of Friday, March 7.

John McDonough, '93, expects to leave Rutland in a short time to reside in Lawrence, Mass.

Rehearsals are being held daily in preparation for the R. H. S. musical, to be held March 18.

Miss May Sawyer has been absent since Friday, March 7, on account of a severe illness.

J. Gilrain has returned to school after a short absence.

Mr. Henry Clark delivered the Tuesday morning talk last week on the events of the year 1860.

Supervisor Walker of Proctor read a paper on "Trusts" before the pupils of the R. H. S. last Friday. It was very instructive, and he explained the subject fully.

We have been fortunate in securing, in a slightly abridged form, the lecture of Mr. Field on the postal service. It is an article of much historical and statistical value.

The members of the ball nine have already secured about $45 for its support. They intend to send for their uniforms in a few weeks.

R. C. Gilmore, '92, met with a serious accident Tuesday, which will keep him from school for some time. He fell on the sidewalk and sustained a dislocation and fracture of a small bone of the right elbow.

We are informed that the Hustlers are anxious to arrange a game with the High School nine at an early date, and contemplate issuing a challenge through the columns of the Rutland Herald.

Miss Alice Dexter and Miss Grace Kershaw, formerly of the class of '91, were present at the rhetorical exercises on Feb. 28.

We welcome back our old schoolmate, Walter Granger, '92, who has been absent from school for several weeks on account of sickness.

Here is a new 1492 joke. The statement was made in History class that Columbus discovered St. Helena in that memorable year. A slight confusion of the identities of the Genoan and his neighbor, the Corsican, evidently.

The subject of Mr. Goulding's lecture was the "Battle of Fisher's Hill" instead of "Cedar Creek," as was stated in last issue. Mr. Goulding said that it was one of the few battles of the war in which the predetermined plans of the general were carried out to the letter and complete victory gained.

The High School musical will occur March 18, probably in Baxter Hall. About 300 invitations will be sent out, and others who wish to attend may procure tickets. The entertainment will comprise choruses by the school, singing by the quartette, music by Brehmer's JUVENILE Orchestra, and other features.

The Rutland High School baseball nine has received an invitation to send a delegate to Bellows Falls some day next week to confer with delegates from other schools and academies in this State, and from a few schools from Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to discuss the advisability of forming a baseball league. Among other High Schools that are to be represented are those at Springfield, Brattleboro, Keene and Chester.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Villa Styles, '89, has just finished teaching in Pittsford.

Miss Maggie Ross, '89, has accepted a position in the Kellogg Bros.' Insurance office.

Miss Ethel Temple, '89, Miss Fenn and Miss McIntyre were present at the rhetoricals of Feb. 28.

Miss Lucy Montgomery, who is in Boston taking music leesons of Prof. Orth, is expected home soon.

Fred Bailey, '89, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Mattie Dye, '88, is again employed as clerk in H. S. Howe's candy store.

H. M. Williams, a former student in in the Rutland Graded Schools, is employed in the office of the Vermont Marble Co. at Center Rutland.

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THE "R. H. S. NOTES" for the first eleven numbers was, we think, a good example of what a school paper should be, and we intend to keep the succeeding five numbers up to the standard and to still keep "aiming at improvement;" but we enter the field this term in a somewhat crippled condition. Our former editorial writer has left the board and taken up a new field of labor in New York city. In this new field we wish him all success and feel confident that success will attend him. And now we enter upon our new work, hoping our readers will be lenient in criticising our first attempts at editorial writing.

RAH, RAH! Rah, Rah! R. H. S.! Rah, Rah!! After nearly four months of "mature deliberation" the committee appointed to decide upon a yell for the school has agreed upon the above. As we stated at the time of the appointment of the committee, the object in having a yell is to inspire a strong school spirit, and whether the committee has succeeded in their object remains to be seen. As we are to have a ball nine in the field this summer it seems all the more necessary that we should have a yell; for what can arouse more courage in the hearts of players than a cordial recognition of a good play, especially when the game happens to be going the wrong way. One thing, however, we wish distinctly understood, and that is that this is not merely a yell for the B class, but for the entire school. Many have supposed that as the committee was appointed by the B class that the yell was to be monopolized by the B's. This, however, is not the case, for it is the yell of the school, for the school, and by the school.

OUT of about 1100 scholars in the Rutland schools 31 have subscribed for the "NOTES." We ask the *remainder* if this is the support which a school paper should receive from the scholars.

The $24 received from these 31 subscribers would hardly pay for the printing of two numbers. To whom then does this paper owe its existence? To the business men of Rutland and to outside subscribers, and we wish here to thank these business men for the hearty support we have received from them, and also to impress upon our readers that our advertisers are all prominent merchants of Rutland and are worthy of patronage. To the remaining 1069 scholars we wish to say that another term is before them in which to redeem their lost character, and that the subscription price for the remainder of the year is 25 cents.

THE recent agitation in some of our principal cities as to whether the Bible shall be read in our public schools and colleges presents a question to the American people which should be fully considered before any definite negative action is taken. The question is not alone to the "older heads," but should be considered by every student in the land, for upon them will fall the consequences, whether good or bad, of any decision that is made. It is not for the American people, who lead the van of public progress, to take any backward step in such a matter. The proper education of the youth, both as regards science and morals, is an important matter; and a question in any way altering or affecting the public schools should receive the earnest attention of every intelligent person in the country.

ON Tuesday evening, March 18, the "Rutland High School" crossed the line of medium school progress and took its stand in the front ranks. The apparent interest manifested by the friends of the school in "Our Musical" shows that the people of Rutland are heartily willing to help the school in any good measures. The creditable manner in which the selections were rendered and the enthusiasm with which the scholars took hold and helped to make their musical a success, deserves great praise and shows the great step taken from last year's work in this important branch of our study. The R. H. S. has showed that it is capable of producing "musical sounds," and although it has not attained perfection, it has made an advance in the right direction, and for a beginning has presented a very creditable "First Annual Musical."

THERE is one department of our paper which we wish to enlarge and improve. This is the Alumni column, and if the Alumni of this school will lend their aid it is an object easy of accomplishment. Even if there was a record containing the names of scholars in previous classes and the year of their graduation the task would be comparatively easy, but we can obtain no complete list of scholars of any class previous to that of '88, with the exception of the class of '77. Every graduate, no matter of what class, knows the whereabouts and occupation of at least one person who was in his class, and undoubtedly more. And now, if the Alumni will send in short notices in reference to some schoolmate or schoolmates, we feel confident that our paper would be much improved, and the improvement would be appreciated by *none* more than the Alumni.

IN some of the higher schools of Massachusetts the scholars are required to attend "confessions" every morning. At this *ordeal* the student is expected to tell every bad deed that he or she has done in the past or contemplates doing in the future. Of course the Massachusetts student may be of a higher standard, as respects morals, than the average Vermont scholar, but if the rule was to be enforced in some Vermont schools we question if the 'conscience searching' that would result would not 'be extremely' detrimental to the development of the "future students" impersonated in the Vermont school boy.

HISTORY OF THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

(Concluded.)

THE BRATTLEBORO STAMP.

One of the rarest American postage stamps of to-day, and one that collectors are willing to pay a fabulous price for, is the famous Brattleboro 5c stamp. This postage stamp was engraved in Brattleboro by Thomas Chubbuck in 1846, and was issued by F. N. Palmer, who was then postmaster. This stamp was recognized by all postmasters as a voucher of the payment of the letter to which it was affixed. It was oblong in shape, with a border with the words "Brattleboro, Vt." at the top, "P .O" on the sides, and on the bottom the words "5 cents," while in the center, within a circle were Mr. Palmer's initials, "F. N. P."

One of these stamps was found several years ago by a rag-picker on an old-fashioned envelope. His curiosity was excited by the peculiar make-up of the stamp, so he took it to a dealer, who quickly offered him $300 and the offer was just as quickly accepted.

I believe that there are only ten of these stamps in existence to-day. This stamp was not the first ever issued in this country, as is claimed by some collectors, as the postmaster at New York issued a series of postage stamps as early as 1842.

THE RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

You have all heard of the railway post-office, but you little know of the trials, tribulations and disappointments that were met with before this branch of our service was in successful operation. The first step towards the present system of the railway mail service was conceived in 1862 by a clerk in the St. Joseph, Missouri, post-office, where all the mail for the great West was made up at that time, and from that time on improvements have been made until we now have the traveling post-office—for the railway post-office is nothing more than a traveling post-office, as letters are dropped into the cars, stamped, assorted, made up into packages and then turned off in mail pouches at the places through which the car passes.

The finest mail train ever seen in the world runs to-day from New York to Chicago, and is composed of five cars, all painted white and vestibuled. The crew consists of twenty men, four men to each car. One car is devoted to the letter mail, the other four to papers and packages, and are so arranged that a truck load of mail can be wheeled from one car into the other and there assorted, put up into sacks and wheeled back into the rear car, ready to be transferred whenever a train reaches a junction. It would be nearly impossible to tell you the number of tons of mail matter handled on each trip by these postal clerks, but I will say, however, that the total number of pieces of matter handled on the cars by railway postal clerks last year reached the enormous figure of 7,026,837,130.

RAILWAY POSTAL CLERKS.

These men are appointed to the position they hold after a competitive examination for a period of six months. It is supposed that each new man is examined at least once a month, and at the close of his probation, if he has made suitable progress, he receives his permanent appointment. The salaries range from $800 to $1400 per year. The country is divided into twelve districts, with a superintendent in each district or division. The first division comprises the New England States. The second New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and so on throughout the Union.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Notwithstanding the efficiency and promptness with which mail matter is now handled, there are still a great many improvements yet to be made in our postal system. The time is not far distant when letters will be forwarded between our great cities in tubes, by means of compressed air, and the number of country post-offices reduced, or

consolidated with larger offices, and the mail distributed by post-riders as is now done in England. Two of the greatest improvements, however, that are desirable to be accomplished is the establishment of postal savings banks, and a telegraph office in all the post-offices of any size in the United States.

The percentage of lost letters is exceedingly small when one considers the number of pieces handled. One letter out of about 30,000 is an exceedingly small percentage. The loss of letters cannot always be charged to the post-office employees, as the writers themselves make a great many mistakes in addressing their letters.

When we consider the thousands of letters which are handled daily in some of the larger post-offices, it is simply wonderful that so few are mis-sent. An outsider little dreams of the number of letters that are mailed with half the address omitted; then again, there is the poor illegible writing that would take a Philadelphia lawyer to decipher, and it is only with the shrewdest guessing that the post-office clerk can decide where to send it. For instance, a letter came into the Rutland office the other day, addressed to "John Jones Chicpacho, See." Now the sender evidently intended this for Chicago, Ill., but who would ever think of spelling Chicago or Illinois that way. Another is addressed to "11 worth, Conn." This address was intended for Leavenworth, Kan., and still another reads "LudLoff, Mass." and this letter was forwarded to Ludlow. I could go on and cite many more like these, but space forbids. I have one more, however, that I will cite which was addressed as follows:

TO THE POSTMAN.

A thrice burned city is my destination,
And Madison St. the distributing station,
778 my number stares,
On a Boulevard famous for the name it bears.
If you wish to know who this letter is for,
And deliver it safely according to law,
Seek your bible and her name you'll understand
Is his who delivered a nation from Pharoah's hand.

It is needless to add that this was too much for the post-office clerk, so it was forwarded to the dead letter office at Washington, where it was correctly interpreted and delivered in due time.

A PICTURE.

It is a lovely day in April. Yesterday it rained, but the clouds have cleared away, the sky is blue and beautiful, the air is clear and the day is all that could be desired. On such a day as this one feels all the old wild nature stirring in his veins. Feeling like a sort of child of Nature, we take our way toward the woods. As we enter the forest what freshness and verdancy surround us. Here are old trees which have been standing a half, or perhaps even a whole century, yet seeming as youthful as ever. They swing and rock in the wind, appearing to ask the wanderer to come and sit in their arms and enjoy the fresh breeze and the magnificent view. We walk on a little farther, going slowly, for some one has said, "One cannot run, and read the book of nature." Suddenly, with a shrill chirp, a wood thrush springs up an arms length of us. We part the shrubs and there nestling in a growth of blueberry bushes is its nest, composed of fine twigs, lined with soft grasses and containing four eggs of the most beautiful blue, a little darker than the bluebirds', and shown off to the best advantage on the brown ground of the grasses. But back comes the mother-bird with her mate to drive us away with her scolding, and we move on resolving to keep an eye on the nest and see how its inmates prosper. On through the dim forest with a velvety carpet of moss to walk upon. Presently along our path walks a woodchuck but seeing us he runs away and is soon safely hidden. Now we become aware of a delicious odor and, at our feet is the arbutus, to me the most beautiful and lovely flower that lifts its fair face to the sky. Let us gather a bunch of it to take with us as a memento of our walk. It is now late in the afternoon, the sun is throwing the shadow of the trees about us as we emerge from the forest upon the top of a high hill. Far below us a stream rushes over the rocks, shining as silver in the sun's last rays. The hush of evening is around us; half-way down the hill a wood-thrush mounts a sapling and pours forth melody and music, and the sun sinks below the horizon. "The day is done."

PUSSY WILLOWS.

O poor little pussy willows!
Did you lose your mittens to-day?
And is that why here on this twig
Your mother commands you to stay.

Why don't you cuddle little kits
Under your coat of brown,
And not cling on that willow tree
With such a mew and frown?

"Why we've no other way," said pussies,
And they all began to cry,
"We got wet trying to wash our mitts
And ma put us here to dry."

And if so you see these pussies,
Don't try to coax them away,
For pussies, like little children, you know,
Should mind their mother alway.

NOTES.

"Goo!"

Base Ball.

"All a gees!"

Pussy willows!!

"O! Tempora, O! Mores!"

Your last chance to subscribe.

"She tore her long grey teeth!"

Rah, Rah! Rah, Rah! R. H. S. Rah, Rah!

Miss Agnes Sedileau, '91, sings in the choir at the Baptist church.

Mr. Wilson spent the vacation at his home in Providence, R. I.

During the recent vacation one young lady read seven books.

Miss Lillian Howe, '91, has returned to school, after an absence of a week.

Lewis Sheldon, '91, visited the R. H. S. last week.

John Farrell, '92, has not returned to school since the beginning of the present term.

Nearly all the money subscribed for the support of the ball nine has been paid up.

Miss Walker will not be able to return to her classes, her health being such that it will not permit.

The "R. H. S. Quartette" enjoyed a pleasant evening at H. Stewart's a short time ago.

Students will be allowed to select their own subjects for declamations, but Prof. Wilson has selected a list of subjects for essays.

The nine are to be congratulated on having secured Arthur Channel to fill the vacancy caused by Steele's resignation. He will probably play first base.

Miss Grace North, '91, was agreeably surprised on Friday evening, March 28, by a party of friends and schoolmates, who took possession of the house and enjoyed themselves to the extent of their ability. A delightful evening was passed.

Miss Bessie Faulkner, who was a member of the Grammar A, and who attended the Rutland English and Classical Institute last term, left Rutland last week for Sherburne, where she is to teach.

The Rutland English and Classical Institute has selected the school colors. They are red and blue.

The cow-boy instinct of Fred D. Steele, one of the former editors of the NOTES, has asserted itself and he has gone to New York to seek his fortune.

Miss Alice L. Dexter, '91, is teaching a district school south of the village.

Miss May L. Sawyer of the Grammar A class, has returned to school after an absence of several weeks on account of sickness.

We hope that our Tuesday morning talks are not to be discontinued. They were one of the most enjoyable features of last term.

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ALMOST every exchange that comes to us contains an account of the exercises which were held at the hoisting of the national flag over the buildings of the respective schools which these papers represent. We hope that such an account will soon be printed in our paper, and that the custom which has been so successfully started will soon be followed by the Rutland schools; for although it may not inspire the scholars with a new spirit in which to pursue their studies, it keeps in mind the great Republic which this flag represents.

THE site of the World's Fair is settled at last, and to all appearances the future of Chicago is secure. At first it seemed that the Senate's World's Fair committee was not going to accept the mere assurances and promises of Chicago's Fair "boomers," but would require a stronger guarantee against failure. But at length the committee decided to accept pledges almost identical with those accepted by the House committee. The eyes of all the world are now on Chicago. Upon her depends whether this event of such great interest to the entire country shall be a success or failure. Although New York lost the Fair after a hotly contested battle, the great naval parade and exhibition has been alloted to that city. Washington, however, seems to have suffered at the hands of the congressmen, for her claims upon whatever subject have been calmly yet continually ignored.

THE obstinacy with which some persons oppose any attempt to improve their condition or the condition of their fellow-beings, has long been remarked, but perhaps never better exemplified than in the recent defeat of the "Blair Educational Bill" in Congress. This bill, which aimed to appropriate $79,000,000 to the support of education, and having for its object improvement, to the poorer class of the people in the United States, as regards educational facilities, was especially to be of benefit

to the Southern States and people whose schools and colleges are far inferior to similar institutions in the North. Out of the 39 votes cast in the Senate for its adoption but 13 came from the Southern Senators, and of the 43 votes against it, nearly one-half were cast by Senators from the South. Senator Blair has been very persevering in pushing his bill, but he has not accounted in a sufficient degree upon the "muleishness" of some natures. Perhaps if he will wait until the "millennium," human nature will have reached near enough to perfection to easily recognize beneficial measures and be willing to aid in their advancement.

THE approach of summer and pleasant weather brings very forcibly before us one thing in which, we think, Rutland is sadly deficient. We refer to public parks. Much has been said lately upon this subject, and we hope that the people of Rutland are awakening to the fact that the rush and tumble for wealth is not the only object in this life. There has been a plan agitated by a few to convert a part of Pine Hill into a large park. Now this is all well enough and would, without doubt, be highly appreciated by a large number of our people. But before taking any decisive step in this direction let us pause and take a look at the parks we already possess. Take Main street park for instance, which, during a greater part of the summer furnishes pasturage for the horses of people who reside in its immediate neighborhood. About August the grass in this park reaches the height necessary for good hay, and then the City Fathers meet and by a special act direct "that the grass in Main street park be cut, the aforesaid grass sold and proceeds be turned into the public coffers." To be sure, we acknowledge that during our spring term we boys enjoy many good games of ball in the park, but besides this and its pecuniary value as a hay field, we fail to observe any more of its useful properties. Perhaps we may be too severe, yet we leave it to the fair judgment of our readers if this park may be called one of Rutland's attractions.

FOR several issues we have been obliged to omit the exchange column for lack of space, but commencing with this number we intend to continue it for the remainder of the volume. This column, in any school paper, is one in which exchange papers are interested, for in it they are able to see their paper as others see it and thus to make improvements from suggestions other papers offer. We think all criticisms should be made in a friendly spirit and taken by papers criticised in the same way. In that spirit we criticise and expect to be criticised, and we believe most of our exchanges are of the same mind.

THE recent articles in the German press upon the anniversary of the death of Benjamin Franklin, indicate to a marked degree the lasting influence that a great man's mind can exert upon the world, not only in his own time but in succeeding generations. All the articles were extremely complimentary, not only to Franklin, but to the American press and literature, and plainly showed in what high esteem our great Americans are held in foreign countries. But there was one thought that presented itself to the mind when reading these articles, that was, the fact that few of our *American* papers even noticed Franklin's anniversary, much less giving any sketch of his life, etc. The zeal with which our American press discuss the "Resignation of Bismarck" and other foreign subjects is highly commendable, but we think that a little more patriotism as regards our great men would at least LOOK BETTER if it did not prove extremely beneficial.

The practice inaugurated by Prof. Alger of reading essays in History class is much enjoyed by the members of the class, and bids fair to prove beneficial.

YOUTH IN POLITICS.

The period from the time when the teacher asks the scholar, "In what town or State do you live?" down to the day the scholar attains his majority, should be an era of constant political training and thought. He who knows at the age of five in what State he resides, at ten should know who is governor of his State, at fifteen should be able to give the essential differences in the platforms of various political parties, and at twenty-one should be master of the Constitution of the United States. The Greek scholar at the age of twenty-one being able to give the etymology of the word "politics," should be just as competent to point out the cause of various political movements. The boy who asked his father if "President is the next office after Governor," expressed an enthusiasm and interest which, if allowed to grow and develop, will be of inestimable value to the boy and those with whom he resides. The lad in his teens who can instruct his father as to the manner in which a jury is drawn, deserves credit which he seldom receives. The young man who knows, upon reaching his majority, the salaries of various officers and can state authoritatively that a United States Senator receives no more compensation than a "member of the Lower House of Congress," may justly receive the praise of his fellow-citizens.

We have stated somewhat specifically what a youth should know of politics—politics in its first and best sense. What are the facts? The schoolboy of to-day knows vastly more of theoretical politics than his father; but he has had no opportunity to learn the practical side, on account of age. He who writes of the "Scholar in Politics" knows well who will control the suffrages of American citizens in the future. It seems strange that a man in middle life should not know in what Congressional District he resides, but there are many who might be instructed by the youth in this point. How many voters who went to the polls in Vermont, March 4th, can tell accurately how the Constitution of the United States may be amended? The youth of to-day are interesting themselves in politics, and in such a way that age will not blur their knowledge. The sagacity and accomplishments of Quay and Brice are the topic of conversation among a few scholars it may be, who have gathered in a school-room, and more than one can tell of ex-Senator Platt and his relation to the World's Fair question.

The newspaper of to-day has brought, and is bringing about this revolution. Every daily has its political columns, and the school-boy reads as much as older people. The youth of our land had no such advantages thirty years ago, and there are other signs which point to a development of an interest in the minds of our youth in the affairs of the nation.

The schools and colleges are giving more time and attention to the vital questions in politics. Political Economy and Constitutional Law in college, Political History and the Constitution of the United States in schools, take a fairer proportion of the student's time.

The celebration of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays and the placing of national colors over school-houses are "signs of the times."

We have spoken of scientific and theoretical politics. There is a branch which has to do with putting theories into practice—the management of political parties and the placing of candidates in office. The young cannot engage actively in this branch until attaining their majority. The politician makes himself felt in the caucus and various conventions and meetings, and he only will be eminently successful who knows the rules of procedure and the methods to oppose any objectionable feature. He ought to know Parliamentary Law from the simple "motion" to the precedence of "subsidiary questions." Again, it is too true, the school-boy may often instruct his father. Scarcely a young person reaches 20

years without being a member of some society or club in which parliamentary rules are constantly in use, and it is a boy's delight to find a flaw in the ruling of the Chair. Often the presiding officer at some public meeting is justly criticised for unparliamentary rulings by a lad of not half the years.

The youths in our schools and colleges to-day are the political leaders to come upon the "stage of action" in the first quarter of the 20th century. The opportunities for the uneducated, untrained politician to lead the ignorant masses are lessening, and the time is near at hand when scholar will meet scholar on the stump and in the political arena.

We have maintained that the youth are better informed in political questions than were the young formerly. Granting this, we are occasionally surprised in finding him who is wofully ignorant of the affairs and government of his country. Politically ignorant youth are so, carelessly and willfully, and for the latter class we have little sympathy. There is many a caucus and meeting in which the young voters might hold the "balance of power" if united.

The youth of Vermont have gone in large numbers to Western States, and have there become leaders in politics. The youth of this commonwealth go forth to make fortunes elsewhere, and then the home training in various lines shows itself, and political leadership is a common exhibit. Young men ought to be strong politically, in the best sense, never stooping to dishonest methods; ambitious, but always remembering the fate of the sincere Horace Greeley. Shrewdness and wisdom, coupled with discretion and justice, will need to characterize their acts. With these qualities and scholarly training they are a nation's choicest boon.

W. F. ALDEN.

A telegraph line has recently been put up connecting several of the young people's houses about town.

THE EDITOR'S WAIL.

In the spring time, bright and cheerful,
In the month of April sometimes rainy, tearful,
On the day the printers pressed
There came to me a box—expressed.

The winds of gentle spring
Through the tree-tops softly sing.
I paid the expressman's moderate tribute,
Left the opening of the box for a leisure minute.

Softly blew the breeze, and mellow,
Brightly set the sun in red and yellow.
Poem after poem on spring I was reading,
All these alike, my madness feeding.

Slowly now the darkness falling,
To their nests the birds was calling.
The cover from off the top I pried,
Six poems—all on spring I spied.

Colder blew the wind, and stronger,
The sunset's glow was seen no longer.
Up from the hearth a warm glow flashes,
Down upon it gently fall these poem's ashes.

NOTES.

12 to 10.

Hot crackers.

Oh, what a scheme.

What about the May dance?

"He chews to support himself."

"And the boys sang Annie Laurie."

"Miss X——, your father is at the door."

Miss Grace French, '91, has left school.

The favored few—The Old Roses and their fathers.

An open letter to the Old Roses—Revenge is sweet.

It is rumored that H. Stewart, '91, is soon to leave school.

A. W. Spafford, '91, has been absent from school for some time.

The school nine will play against the nine from Perry's school Saturday, May 3.

John V. Waite, a former Grammar A student, is now employed in the Howe Scale works.

We would suggest that the members of the Physical Geography study up their ancestry a trifle.

The boys of the English and Classical Institute now wear caps with "R. I." in gilt letters on the front.

It is expected that the boys are soon to have a chance to display their "vocal powers" in a few male choruses.

Harry F. Kingsley, formerly a member of the class of '92, has received a position in the Rutland post-office.

It was plainly demonstrated at the last game that the Hustlers have lost none of their proficiency as kickers.

Several excursions to Pine Hill in quest of our favorite flower were indulged in by pupils of this school last week.

Miss Mamie Woolley, formerly '91, now has a position as book-keeper in B. H. Wooley's market on Center street.

Bert Chamberlain, a former student of the R. H. S., is now employed as clerk in a large drug store in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Tuesday morning lecture of this week was given by Mr. Alger, and was an interesting talk, taking for his subject, "Coins."

Marcus Vail, who has been attending school at Worcester, Mass., entered the Rutland English and Classical school at the beginning of the present term.

The papers, on different countries, which are read by members of the Physical Geography classes, are very interesting, not only to the class but to the whole school.

We wonder if that was the "fire of genius" that was burning in the schoolyard all last week, to the great enjoyment of the scholars who sit in the back part of the room.

According to the latest fashion, it is the proper thing to wear a bouquet of flowers at school. It has not yet been determined whether the fashion is strictly beneficial from a studious point of view.

A handsome flag and streamer was raised last Friday over the building of the Rutland English and Classical Institute, with appropriate exercises. As the flag rose to its place three cheers were given and a salute of thirteen guns fired.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Ida Long, '77, is now in Texas, where she expects to remain a year.

Miss Mamie Naylon and Miss Eliza McGuire, '89, are now teaching in Mendon.

Miss May Graves, '88, is now employed in the office of the Telephone Exchange.

Winthrop C. Jenne, '89, will graduate from the Albany Business College next week.

Miss Fanny R. Kingsley, '88, and Miss Lena A. Curtis, '88, will graduate from the Monroe School of Oratory at Boston next Friday.

Miss Katherine P. Norton, '85, who has been in Boston for the last few months studying music with Prof. John Orth, has returned home.

Miss Kittie Crowley, '85, has been appointed Master Working-woman of the Martha Washington society, lately formed here by Mrs. Barry.

Edmund A. Pond, '84, sailed for Europe this week with his brother Erastmus. They will be abroad about six months, studying in London and Vienna hospitals.

RHETORICALS.

By far the greatest trial that a scholar in the Rutland High School has to undertake is the rhetorical work. The thought that he will have to appear before the whole school and air his elocutionary powers, acts as a sort of night-mare, constantly haunting him and reminding him that he will have to speak. From the moment that he enters the school in the primary grade until he leaves it in the form of a full-fledged graduate, the dread of rhetori-

cals never leaves him for an instant. The thought is fearful, but when it comes to the day of execution what a dread of something terrible impresses itself upon the mind of the unfortunate scholar. It seems but an instant from the opening of school until the time for him to speak. But when his turn at last comes, how slowly the moments drag in his walk from the seat to the platform. How every nail resolves itself into a mountain for him to stumble over. How quiet the room is, and how intent all the other scholars are upon watching his uncertain footsteps. At last the platform is reached, he steps calmly upon it, makes his bow and begins. But there is a pause, the lines seem to dance before his eyes, jumbled up with the faces of scholars and teachers in a very confusing manner. He tries again, but alas! the piece that he had so perfectly at rehearsal has entirely left his puzzled brain, and after vainly trying to find the lost clue, he steps from the platform and returns to his seat, painfully conscious that he has attempted to speak and has made an utter failure.

Of course this is only the endeavor of the bashful scholar, and you will readily understand that not *all* scholars attempt to speak and fail. If you think that we exaggerate the feelings of the youthful would (not) be orator, why just try oratory for yourself and see.

EXCHANGES.

We have received about 70 papers thus far, that have wished to exchange with us. We have been pleased to exchange with a majority of these papers, which represent every kind of an institution, from a small school or academy up to the largest colleges.

The High School Times, West Randolph, Vt., has discontinued its monthly publications and will hereafter be published quarterly.

The Rugbian, published by the students of Rugby Academy, Philadelphia, comes to us for the first time. It is a model of neatness and contains much good reading.

The Exponent, the literary representative of the Denver, Col., High Schools, contains some good literary productions, but should have an exchange column.

The University Courant, conducted under the auspices of the Literary Societies of the Western University of Pennsylvania, is nicely gotten up and is well stocked with interesting literature.

The Dartmouth has some especially interesting reading in one of its March issues. Prominent among the many fine pieces we noticed one upon "Liberal Training and Practical Journalism" by F. G. Mather.

The February and March numbers of *The Reveille* were combined and came to us in a new cover. That issue contains an assortment of good literature. It is one of the best of our exchanges, and Norwich University may well be proud of its literary organ. Among other papers which have been improved by their new covers we notice *The Cadet* and *The Speculum*.

BASE BALL.

VICTORY NUMBER ONE.

The High School nine played their first game last Saturday on Munson's field, against the "Hustlers," and came out victorious, in an eight inning game, to the tune of 12 to 10. It commenced to rain in the fourth inning, and from that time until the game was called it sprinkled continuously. The School nine gained the lead in the second inning and held it until the end, and, considering the day, it was a well-played and closely contested game. Baldwin and Parkhurst did battery work for the R. H. S. nine and Macauley and Hurley for the Hustlers. The score by innings is as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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Two or three months ago, the *Youth's Companion* offered prizes for the best essays on "The Patriotic Influence of the American Flag When Raised Over the Public Schools." The prize consisted of an American flag, one going to each state in the Union and to the school in each State whose scholar or scholars wrote the best essay. Many schools in the state were represented. The essay of Asa Hawley of Brandon was considered the best, and, consequently, Brandon High School will have the honor of floating over its building a flag which was earned through the literary efforts of one of its scholars.

WE think there is one branch of education, and that a branch which is of inestimable value to the proficient scholar, that is greatly neglected and overlooked. That branch is penmanship. The small per cent. of the scholars who are really good writers shows that something is lacking. There is not a sphere in life in which the scholar does not need to be a good penman; but especially is this true of book-keeping, banking, etc. A test to competency in these branches is always, to some extent, the applicant's handwriting, and he who is the best penman is pretty sure of being the one chosen, provided he is well versed in the common school studies and has a fair degree of knowledge in other departments. Now, let us suggest that each give a short time every day to drill in this important department, and there is no doubt that the result will be well worth the outlay.

THE introduction of a bill in the House, on Saturday, May 3, by Mr. Stewart, for the erection of a public building at Rutland at a cost not exceeding $75,000, brings to our mind, but not for the first time, the small number of public buildings which Rutland possesses, in comparison with other towns of her size throughout the country. She has a few, we acknowledge; but, aside from Memorial Hall and the public school buildings, are there any of which the people feel very proud? How do most towns and cities obtain their pub-

lic buildings? The funds to build many of them are given by public-spirited men. Are there any such men in Rutland, if so, where are they? Though there are many men who could give $5,000, $10,000, $50,000, or even more, toward the improvement of our streets and parks, we see no such man advancing. Rutland is growing fast, and certain men (the number is not small) are growing rich just as fast; but those who have much always want more, and these men with a lion's share of the profits of trade are not willing to give even a small per cent of these profits toward improving and beautifying the city from which they are reaping their rich harvests.

THE liberty which some authors and poets take with the English language is an evil, and if indulged in by us common mortals would be looked upon as showing the grossest ignorance; but when used by these privileged writers is considered "effusion of genius." The effort which some of these poets (?) make to twist their sentences around, in such a manner that it becomes almost impossible for the uninformed reader to understand their meaning, is the result of a mistaken idea as to what is true poetry. True poetry is not a mere "jumbling" of words so as to produce rhyme, but should imply a well-expressed sentence, written in easy metre and studiously arranged, that its parts may produce a perfect whole. If some of our rising young poets would carefully study some of the perfect verse of Lowell and Stedman, instead of giving so much attention to their rhyme, our poetry in the future would be of a much higher grade and quality.

RARELY, if ever, is a more startling picture drawn than the one now presented by the Congressional investigating committee in their attempts to unravel the mystery which shrouds the murder of J. M. Clayton of Arkansas. It is a picture, truly, which causes one to rub his eyes and wonder if such things can occur amid the civilization of the 19th century. The testimony of Clayton's brother, when brought before the committee, where he described his reception by the citizens of Plumersville, Ark., whither he had gone for his dead brother's body, brought forth evidences of cruelty and brutality which are unprecedented in the history of this country. He was comparatively unknown in that town, being a resident of another part of the state. He had no enemies, and he came to them to perform a sad duty. Suppose even if none of the people were implicated in the murder of his brother, they at least could have expressed their sympathy and regret; instead, they threatened him and his friends with death if they did not leave the town before night. Savages could have done no more. Look at the obstacles which are placed in the course of justice. Even the governor of the State and members of Congress, who should be foremost in the work of clearing up the mystery, seem, by their efforts, trying to thwart any means by which the murderer may be apprehended. This was strikingly illustrated in the obstinacy with which they refused to give up an absurd theory which was proven absolutely false by the investigating committee. Can this be an example of civilization in a community professedly Christian and in a state boasting of its justice?

RAILROADS, PAST AND PRESENT.

The attention of all Europe has been attracted by the growth of the United States, its industries and enterprises, during the past 50 years. Perhaps no department of our industries has grown to such proportions as that of railroads. In 1842, there were 250 miles of railroads in the United States and a thousand railroad employees. There were in 1847, 7000 miles of railroads and 39,000 employees and $2,000,000 of capital invested. There are to-day nearly, if not quite, 160,000 miles of railroads. These railroads employ more than 2,000,000 men, or nearly as many as there are to-day in the combined armies and navies of the world, including, in the calculation, the army and navy of our own country; and have capital invested to the amount of $8,000,000,000.

The marvelous growth of our country is not wholly the result of the development of its natural and manufacturing resources, but is largely the result of the extension of railroads, and especially is this the case with reference to the West. For every mile of railroad, as it is built out on the prairie, thousands of acres of land are brought under cultivation, and the product thereof adds to the nation's wealth and prosperity.

No class of people have so much to do with shaping the political results of our country as railroad employees. There were cast in the last Presidential election, more than 10,000,000 votes, and it is safe to say that at least one-half were cast by working-men, and of that 5,000,000 of votes nearly 2,000,000 were cast by railroad employees; so, of the wage-earners of the United States, nearly two-fifths are employed by railroad corporations. When we take the 900,000 men engaged in operating the railroads of this country, and the 1,000,000 men employed in the manufactuaing of railroad supplies and the men, women and children who are dependent upon the income from the $8,000,000,000 invested in railroads, we have of the entire population of the United States nearly one-half living upon the railroads.

The railroads of the United States are so carefully operated that statistics show that less people are injured each year by the railroads than are injured by falling out of windows. The report of railroad commissioners in some States demonstrate that it is safer to travel than to remain at home.

L. B. SCOTT.

Sydney Gorham, Grammar A, has left school.

MAY-DAY CUSTOMS.

The custom of celebrating, the first day of May, with gay festivities has been confined almost wholly to other countries than our own. In this country we have had our Arbor day, which, in some places,has been abandoned,and also a few festivities borrowed from across the sea, but even these are now discontinued. In England, many years ago, May day was one of the most joyous days of the year, and in the sports on this occasion both the commons and nobility shared. We are even told of the King and the Queen being among the merry-makers. It was the custom to rise very early in the morning and go out into the country and gather wild flowers and get branches of the hawthorne, with which the houses were profusely decorated. Later in the day came the erection and decoration of the May-pole, around which the gay lads and lassies danced to the merry tune played by an old fiddler. The milkmaid also had her share of the sport. She was accustomed to deck her cow with flowers and lead her through the streets, while she danced around her singing merry songs. In some of the back towns these customs are still continued, and one may yet see the May-pole in some quaint old place. There still prevails in Scotland a custom in accordance with which the maidens go out upon the May-day morning to wash their faces, in the dew, believing that this will make them more beautiful. In the same country, the boys of a town or hamlet meet together upon a moor and there cut a round table in the green sod, the circumference of which will enclose the whole company. This being done, they kindle a fire and make a custard of eggs and milk. They then knead a cake of oatmeal, which they toast before the fire. After the custard has been eaten, they break this cake into as many portions as there are members of the company. They then blacken one of these pieces, which, with the rest, they put into a

bonnet. Every boy, blindfolded, draws a portion, and he who holds the bonnet is entitled to the last bit. Whoever draws the blackened portion is the favored one whom they are to look up to during the ensuing year.

In Germany a superstition prevails that the witches meet the night before the first day of May upon a high mountain, called the Blocks-berg, where they, together with the devils, dance and feast; and upon this night the common people fetch a certain thorn and place it upon their house-door, believing that the witches can then do them no harm.

I should not forget the custom of planting trees, which has been practiced quite extensively in our own country, as well as in others. Laying aside some of the superstitions, we can hardly refrain from wishing that these gay customs might be revived and that we might see the merry lads and lassies in their merry dances and songs, instead of being obliged to confine our knowledge of them to our reading.

DO AMERICAN GIRLS READ?

If you should be asked by any one, "Do American girls read?" you probably would look at them in blank amazement and reply "Of course they do." On the other hand, if you should be asked "What do American girls read?" I am afraid that you would find it rather difficult to answer correctly.

Now we have been assured that the girls of America do read. Let us now look at *what* they read. It has been truly said that America is a fiction-reading nation and how truly it applies to the young women.

How few girls of the present day ever think of reading anything but a good story. How often do the young women of this village go to our Free Library and, after having their book discharged, are asked by the librarian "What would you like?" They generally answer, in a sort of indolent way, "Oh, I don't know; any good story that you think I would like but nothing very deep." So it goes from day to day, and the poor librarian is obliged to suit every one's taste, when really the readers have no taste at all.

How few girls, even of this school, ever think of reading a book of travel. The girls seem to think about travel, as they do about many other things, such as gymnastic exercises, boating, etc., that it is all very well for boys, but it is simply useless for girls.

All of you who are in any way acquainted with the debated questions of the day will know that the matter of divorcement occupies a large space in the newspapers and periodicals of the day. There must, of course, be some reason for so much of this kind of work. An eminent statesman has said that the cause of the majority of such cases was due to the amount of fiction, of a low character, which is being read by the masses of people today. He, of course, does not condemn all novels, as some of the best fruits of literature come to us in this form; but he does condemn all such reading as in no way can benefit one, but tends to drag him down as far as possible.

Probably, there are very few young people of today who have not read, or at least know of the book under the title of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and they probably know the name of its authoress; but how few know even the names of the men of literature at the present day. To many, the name of E. C. Stedman is as unimportant as the name of John Jones, who lives in a neighboring village. B. A. V.

We think the books read by our High School scholars are, generally, such as would be approved by a critic who is not too severe. There seems to be a growing realization that books which have stood the test of time and have obtained the praise of the best judges are equally pleasant with those which are justly classified as "trash." The effect of this "trash" upon the mind is quickly evident. The effect of good reading is upon the mind what a brisk morning walk is to the body. It clears and brightens the thought and "brings no sorrow" for wasted time. A good book is good food, enabling one to do more and better work.

NOTES.

25 to 9.

"I'm in."

"I oppose it."

Who lost the soda?"

"Are you in favor?"

"Another locust went in."

"A widow had a certain hen."

"When will the R. E. C. I. play again?"

Miss Laura Hazelton, '92, does not attend school this term.

Miss Belle Pelton, '91, who has been absent from school for a week, has returned.

The fences around the parks are being removed. A great improvement, certainly.

Animos languescit, nisi exerces. The mind grows weak unless you drive out evil spirits.

Prof. Wilson leaves to-day for Burlington, to attend a meeting of the Schoolmaster's Club.

Probably the ball nine will play, at Middlebury against the High School nine of that place, Decoration day.

We were sorry to omit the Wallingford items last issue, but owing to their late arrival were compelled to.

The cap-stone of the new West street school house was laid last week; it has on it 1890, in raised figures, and is very handsome.

It is the intention to improve the looks of the grounds about the R. H. S. building. Already they show improvement. Keep off the grass!!!

The uniforms were first used by the nine in the game against Perry's team. If all their games this year are as easy victories as that one, they will feel well satisfied with the season's work.

Perhaps the most interesting of Tuesday morning lectures we have yet had was given on May 6 by Mr. Temple, on "Reminiscences." Mr. Temple gave us many interesting facts about Rutland schools. The present building was built, the east wing of it, in 1852, and was used as an academy; afterward it became the Rutland Union High School, and in 1867 it was changed to the Rutland Graded School. The building was enlarged and improved in 1876. In 1876 there were 13 teachers. Next fall there will be 31.

VICTORY NUMBER TWO.

The R. H. S. Has an Easy "Walk-Over" With the R. E. C. I.

About 100 people assembled, on Munson's Field May 3 to witness the ball game between the R. H. S. and R. I. nines. There were no very brilliant plays made by either side, and we think the following score will be a sufficient explanation of the game:

R. H. S.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gilrain	s. s.	3	3	0	5	1	0	0
Lane	2 b.	5	3	1	2	3	0	0
Channel	1 b.	6	5	2	0	5	0	1
Baldwin	p.	6	4	3	3	3	25	0
Davis	c. f.	6	2	3	2	0	0	0
Welch	3 b.	5	4	2	5	1	0	3
Sawyer	r. f.	5	2	2	2	0	0	0
Eggleston	l. f.	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Parkhurst	c.	5	1	1	0	14	9	3

R. E. C. I.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hinckley	c. f.	6	1	1	3	3	0	0
Leonard	p.	2	1	1	1	0	11	0
L. Perry	3 b.	5	0	0	1	0	1	1
Scoville	p.	3	0	1	0	11	5	2
M. Vail	s. s.	6	1	1	1	1	1	2
Maranville	r. f.	5	0	1	2	0	0	1
Still	2 b.	5	2	2	1	1	1	1
Sheldon	l. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
O. H. Perry	c.	2	5	2	3	8	4	2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
R. H. S.	3	7	4	4	3	2	2	0	x	—25
Perry's	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	— 9

Earned runs—R. H. S., 4; 2 base hits—Davis, O. H. Perry; 3 base hits—Parkhurst. Davis, Welch; base on balls—R. H. S. 6, R. E. C. I. 7; struck out—by Leonard, 6, by Baldwin, 19. Time of game, 3 hours; umpire, Kimball; scorer, Davis.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Mr. Frank Quinn, '82, of New York city, is in town.

Fred J. Kilburn, '82, of Worcester, Mass., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Jennie Lord, '82, has taken a position in Francisco's Insurance office.

Miss Matilda P. Goulding, '85, is teaching in the Pine street school building.

Miss Fannie M. Pierce, '89, who is a student at the Vermont University, spent Sunday, May 4, in Rutland.

Henry C. Pierce, '85, is now employed in the office of the D. & H. C. Co., at the freight house.

Miss Mattie E. Dye, '88, has returned to Rutland, after visiting friends in Massachusetts for the last six weeks.

One of the class of '89, Miss Hetta Jones, has already risen to fame, and is now preceptress of the public school in Northam, Vt.

W. C. Jenne, '89, has been recently elected captain of the base ball nine at Albany Academy. Mr. Jenne played second base last season in the R. H. S. nine.

Miss Gertrude Taggart, who was for a short time a member of '89, has recently been appointed manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Palmer, Mass.

Erwin E. Keyes, '83, was married April 20 to Miss Mary Sheldon, at the home of the bride in West Rutland. The wedding was a very pleasant one, and the bride received many elegant presents. Mr. and Mrs. Keyes returned last Saturday evening from their wedding tour and will reside at No. 45 Grove street.

The last meeting of the G. T. Cooking club will be held to-morrow at the home of Miss Lillie Newton on Center street. These "gastronomical triumphs" must cease, these "good times" and the "Greedy Twelve" will be but recollections of the past.

WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Ora Fuller is slowly improving.

Miss Kittie Colvin has been obliged to be absent a week on account of sickness.

Supervisor Walker has recently visited the schools.

Miss Ida Townsend, '88, is the lady clerk in B. E. Crapo's store.

Among the compositions read May 7 Miss Eva Stewart's was pronounced the most interesting.

The Physical Geography class were visited by an examination a short time ago.

Jay B. Newton, '91, has left school.

EXCHANGES.

The Review, in its last issue, contains an editorial which expresses our ideas exactly. The editorial in question has reference to the small salary which school teachers receive in comparison with other classes of workers. If there is any class which should receive a good compensation for their labors this same class is that of school teachers, and *The Review*, editorially, might well be read by school boards throughout the country.

We were surprised when we received the April number of *The Revielle"* of Northfield, Vt. We were not surprised at what one might think the late appearance, but at its early appearance. It usually enters our "sanctum" about a month behind time.

We have no hesitation at all in pronouncing *The High School World* of St. Paul, Minn., the best High School paper received by us as an exchange. All its departments are well filled with interesting matter; the literary department being especially noticeable as containing an assortment of both instructive and entertaining matter.

The ball nine goes to Poultney Saturday, May 17, to play the Troy Conference Academy.

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LET America lead! Paris is to follow the plan of New York's street railways and erect an "elevated road," Eiffel being the constructing engineer and the Rothschilds the financial backers of the scheme.

THE interview with the Chancellor, Prince Bismarck, presents an interesting study worthy of a careful analysis and much thought. Although there seems to be some spirit of jealousy pervading Bismarck's words, there is plenty of good sense left and Emperor William would do well to carefully consider and *digest* it. The advice and forecasts of an experienced statesman of Bismarck's recognized ability should have great weight upon all parties interested in European affairs. His prophecy that in event of Germany engaging in war with France and of the overthrow of the German Emperor by France, that Russia with her immense army would immediately destroy France, should serve as a hint to Emperor William to be careful how he fools with the "God of War." Russia's approval of Servia's action against Bulgaria and her offer to help Servia in case of a war, has a very marked signinicance and may seriously upset the checker-board of continental European nations.

If the NOTES may presume to offer any opinions upon the bringing of Swedes into Vermont to occupy the abandoned farms it would say that it is a mistake, with the accent on the *mis*. Why not induce some of our Vermont boys to take these farms by the same liberal inducements that are offered to the Swedes? Are they not as good farmers as foreigners? Would they not be better citizens and take more interest in the affairs of Vermont than the Swedes? Our answer to all these questions is most emphatically *yes*. They why should they not have the preference? It is said they will not accept. Have they been tried? No! If the same effort was put forth to induce Vermont boys to take these farms that has been used to bring foreigners

to Vermont there would be less "Western fever" among Vermont youth, and our "grand old State" would gain the benefit in common with her boys.

In regard to the formation of a military company in this school we should not forget that it will not be all play. As Prof. Wilson said, "It will not be merely an organization of brass buttons and gold braid, but for good solid work." Of course there is the unpleasant side to this as well as the pleasant, but we think that agreeable duties will more than offset the disagreeable. We wish especially to mention the plan of spending a week at least, at the end of the school year, in camp. Of course this will depend largely upon the progress which is made. There are many pleasant places suitable for a camp which could be easily reached in a short time. Everything in the camp would have to be done by the boys, such as cooking, etc., but in regard to this we have an idea.

It is reasonable to suppose that nearly everyone is acquainted with the fact that there are, or have been, two cooking clubs formed in this school. Now what would be more appropriate than to take along the members of those two clubs as cooks. It would be an excellent way to find out the results of these bi-weekly meeting which have been held during the winter and to determine the degree of proficiency which the young ladies have attained in their art.

The ball nine this year has played better ball than even those who thought that we would have a fairly good nine anticipated. Thus far they have gained three victories and encountered one defeat. Can any one find fault with this record? The ball team this year is, we think, the best one that ever represented our school, as well as the best equipped. The new uniforms look, as everyone says, "fine." We wish in behalf of the members to thank the business men of the town for the support which they have given them; for without this support they would undoubtedly have marched on to victory uniformless. The nine do good work together, and if they play as good "ball" for the remainder as they have for that part of the season already passed, their first three victories will not be their last ones.

TO THE DISBANDED CLUB, THE G. T.

We wish to thank the girls who were members of the Cooking Club, familiarly known as the Greedy Twelve, for their kindly forethought and great unselfishness in sending their contribution to our meeting, held May 17. As one of our members was not able on account of other duties, either to make a cake or to be present, we were doubly thankful for their gift.

The beautiful dish, together with the graceful arrangement of the cake and and other contents, made an elegant center piece for our table.

We would also thank the non-existing club for their thoughtful removal of all "cold pieces," thus saving us much trouble. We are, of course, very sorry to hear that at length after the continued ill health of the members, the club has been disbanded "by the Health Officer's Decree(?)."

But let us say in conclusion, that should the same girls ever again decide to form a cooking club, we will gladly aid them by our experience and thus both lessen their labors and also make their dishes more palatable.

The "O. R. C. C."

MOZART.

John Chrysostome Wolfgang Theophilus Mozart was born at Salzburg, Germany, in 1756. His father, an able musician, was astonished when at three years of age Wolfgang began to display his genius. At sixteen years Mozart had made such progress as to be able to compose short pieces for the harpischord, which his father was obliged to commit to paper for him. His father,

returning home one day with a stranger, found little Mozart with a pen in his hand. "What are you writing?" said he. "A concerto for the harpischord," replied the boy. "Let us see it," rejoined the father; "it is, no doubt, a marvelous concerto." He then took the paper and saw nothing at first but a mass of notes mingled with blots of ink by the mal-address of the young composer, who, unskilled in the management of the pen, had dipped it too freely in the ink. He had blotted and smeared the paper, and had endeavored to make out his ideas with his fingers. On a closer examination, his father was lost in wonder, and his eyes, delighted and overflowing with tears, became riveted upon the notes. "See," he exclaimed to the stranger, "how just and regular it all is; but it is impossible to play it; it is too difficult," at which young Mozart went to the harpischord and played the parts, but hardly doing justice to his composition. During his sixth year young Mozart, accompanied by his father and sister, commenced a musical tour of Germany and performed at Munich before the elector to the great admiration of the greatest and best musical court on the continent. His keen musical preception now made itself evident by discovering the most minute irregularities in the orchestra, but his refinement proved almost a torture to him. He conceived a great dislike to the trumpet as a solo instrument and suffered from it so keenly that his father resolved to break him of what he considered a childish fancy, so one day he desired a trumpet to be blown in the apartment of Wolfgang. The boy entreated him to not make the experiment, but the trumpet sounded. Wolfgang suddenly turned pale, fell on to the floor and was going into convulsions, when the trumpeter was sent from the room. When only seven years old he taught himself to play upon the violin and mastered the most difficult of all instruments. From Munich he went to England, where, in his farewell concert, all the symphonies were composed by himself. Soon after he was ten years of age he went to Italy and spent some time in studying at its capital. From that time on until his death, which occurred on the 5th of December, 1792, Mozart continued to astonish the musical world of that period with his wonderful compositions and performances. His last composition was the "Requiem," of which the following anecdote is related:

One day when Mozart's spirits were unusually oppressed a stranger, of a tall, dignified appearance, was introduced. He told Mozart that he came from a person, who did not wish to be known, to request that he compose a solemn mass as a Requiem to a friend whom he had recently lost, and whose memory he was desirous of commemorating by a solemn service. Mozart undertook the task and engaged to have it completed in a month. The stranger begged to know what price he set upon his work; and immediately paying him a hundred ducats, departed. The mystery of this visit seemed to have a strong effect upon the mind of the musician. He brooded over it for some time, then, suddenly calling for writing materials, he began composing with extraordinary ardor. This application, however, was more than his strength could bear; it brought on fainting fits, and his increasing illness caused him to suspend his work. "I am writing this Requiem for myself," said he one day to his wife; "it will serve for my own funeral service." This expression never left him afterward. When the stranger called at the end of the month Mozart asked for another month, which was readily granted by the stranger. Leaving 50 ducats more the stranger departed. Mozart, who was again strangely impressed, ordered a servant follow the stranger, but he lost sight of him. Mozart, now more than ever persuaded that he was a messenger from the other world, set at work with renewed vigor, and when the stranger again called the

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"Requiem" was finished but Mozart was dead.

"SONG OF THE VIOLET."

Grass-hammocked here the violet swings
To the low music of fresh springs.

Sweet clemency and cure for fear,
Float in the sun-lit atmosphere.

And the sad searcher after fame,
Finds here condolence without blame.

Her modest mein betokens birth,
Among the lowly of the earth.

But outward bearing is not all,—
True queens are queens, though kingdoms fall.

And the meek violets heavenly eyes,
Disclose a heritage of the skies.

—William R. Perkins in the "Critic.

IMMIGRATION.

The great cry has been "Stop Foreign Immigration." Does this mean stop it entirely?

I do not think so. As we underderstand it, it means stop the incoming of paupers and cheap labor, such as the Chinese. The Chinese Emissary to this country recently said "that he did not blame the United States for acting as it did about the Chinese question, as most of the Chinamen who came to us are of the lower and more degraded class, which China was glad to be rid of."

Stop such as these certainly. Not so the incoming of the intelligent and thrifty Swede. I do not think the country at large would profit by it. Such as he should be welcome.

C. E. L.

NOTES.

15-14.

Sardines.

"We die."

One more issue.

Middlebury to-day.

Hobble Gobble, Razzle Dazzle.

"The flagitiousness of character."

"But the waiting time, my brothers."

It was a hot day when the R. H. S. nine got left, anyway.

Sydney Gorham, Grammar A, has gone to Chicago to live.

A tennis court has just been laid out on the grounds of the R. E. C. I.

Query for the Caesar class—Was it a single gentleman or a single lady?

The "Rochester dude" was one of the great sensations of the Trades Carnival.

There is some talk of a trip to Mt. Killington by the members of the school, at a later day.

The members of the Old Rose Cooking Club have secured a tennis court on Church street for the coming season.

The soldierly bearing and very marked military precision of the boys, was a prominent feature in their first drill.

It is stated on good authority that one of the teachers of the R. H. S. selected her tombstone at Proctor last Saturday.

Strange rumors come to us concerning the attention some of the High School girls are receiving from Grammar school boys.

The High School nine speak in the highest terms of the way they were treated by the T. C. A's. in the recent game at Poultney.

We are glad to find that certain students have resolved to give up their favorite occupation of whispering, to the great delight of their neighbors.

Mascot Matthews officiated in last Saturday's game in the absence of Mascot Goulding. Goulding says this accounts for the defeat of the R. H. S.

Prof. Alger returned from Providence last Monday, where he has been attending the spring examinations of the Senior class at Brown's College.

Professors Wilson and Alger will be entertained to-morrow, May 31, by the members of the Old Rose Cooking Club, at the home of Miss Cassie Willis.

According to an "old resident" the summer of 1816 was marked by the presence of snow and ice every month of the season. No corn was raised in any of the Northern States.

The Brandon High School has a large and flourishing military company, provided with new uniforms and guns. They are expected to make their first appearance on Decoration Day.

We wonder if the "Herald of Springtime" mentioned in the song, refers to our esteemed contemporary the Rutland *Herald*.

A certain store in Rutland openly displays the following characteristic sign: "Whipped Cream for sale." A chance for the "society with the long name" to display its judicial powers.

The R. H. S. was represented in the Carnival this week by Miss Hussey, Miss Pelton and Miss Spafford, '91; Stella Clarke, Cassie Willis and Florence Patterson, '92, and Marion Haven, Grammar A.

The Rutland *Herald's* "messenger boy sensation" would be more than eclipsed by our having five successive pleasant sunny days. Such a wonder would be an event long to be remembered in the annals of 1890.

We clip the following from the Poultney notes in the Rutland *Herald*." "The Academy nine were warmly welcomed and handsomely treated over their victory with the R. H. S. nine last Saturday. They were met by the the band and escorted into town, where a spread was made for them."

A meeting of the B class was called on May 21 for the purpose of electing a new staff of editors for next year. It was decided to have four from the class of '91, two from '92, and one from '93. The following were chosen from '91: H. E. Poronto, chief editor, Miss Heath, Miss Sterl, L. E. Campbell, assistant editors; from '92, J. P. Sawyer and Helen Silliman; from '93, Fritz Burnham.

We understand that the girls are becoming jealous of the boys in regard to the praise which they recently received from Prof. Wilson on account of their improvement in singing, and only last week a number of them resolved to let the boys display their vocal powers alone. We have not, however, observed the carrying out of these dark designs.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The class of '91 met in Mr. Alger's room on Friday, May 24, with our worthy President in the chair for the last time. O tempore! O mores! The object of the meeting, as the President stated in his farewell address, was to elect officers for the ensuing year. After opinions had been expressed as to the method of voting, it was decided in favor of the ballot system. The result was as follows:

President—H. E. Poronto.
Vice-President—Agnes Sedileau.
Secretary—Mattie E. Spafford.
Treasurer—L. E. Campbell.

Miss Toohey then moved that the class historian should be appointed at that time. This motion was seconded by Miss Spafford, who also moved that Miss Toohey should be honored with that position. This motion was carried unanimously and Miss Toohey was declared elected. The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

MATTIE E. SPAFFORD, Sec.

WALLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Maria Edgerton has returned to school.

Annie Hall has been absent the past week.

Kate Claghorn attends only the afternoon session.

The regular rhetorical work occurred May 21.

Preparations are being made for the closing exercises.

VICTORY NUMBER THREE.

The members of the R. H. S. nine and a number of the boys from the school went to Poultney, Saturday, May 17, to meet the nine from the Troy Conference Academy at that place in a game of ball. For the first six innings the game was close and exciting, but in the last two innings the visitors solved Flint's curves and easily won the game. The game was well played by both sides throughout, and the teams seemed very evenly matched. Otis started in to catch for the R. H. S., but had a finger dislocated in the 2d inning and was compelled to retire in favor of Parkhurst. The features of the game were the fielding by Eggleston and Lane and Davis' batting. The score is as follows:

R. H. S.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Otis	c.	7	1	1	1	2	2	0
Baldwin	p.	7	3	3	1	1	11	1
Davis	c.f.	7	2	3	0	0	0	0
Channel	1 b.	6	1	1	1	10	0	3
Welch	3 b.	6	4	0	1	1	1	1
Gilrain	s. s.	6	2	0	1	0	2	2
Lane	2 b.	6	3	2	0	2	1	1
Parkhurst	1 f.	6	2	0	1	9	2	2
Eggleston	r. f.	6	3	3	2	2	0	0
Totals		57	21	13	8	27	19	10

T. C. A.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B	S B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Flint	p.	6	1	1	0	2	10	1
Ross	s. s.	6	2	3	2	1	4	0
Herrick	3b.	6	2	1	1	0	2	2
Van Vranken	l. f.	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
Childs	c.	6	1	1	0	10	2	3
Porter	1 b.	6	2	4	2	12	0	2
Humphrey	c. f.	5	2	1	0	0	0	1
Weed	r. f.	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Doten	2 b.	5	1	1	2	2	4	2
Totals		51	12	13	7	27	22	13

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
R. H. S.	0	2	2	0	2	3	1	5	6	—21
T. C. A.	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	1	—12

2 base hits— Davis, Ross, Porter; 3 base hits —Davis, Flint; double play—Otis and Lane; struck out—by Flint 11, by Baldwin 8; base on balls—off Flint 4, off Baldwin 1; hit by pitcher—by Flint 6, by Baldwin 1. Time of game, 2 hours 30 minutes. Umpires, Stoddard, Otis and Wells. Scorer, Sawyer. Mascot, Goulding.

It is with deep regret that we record the first defeat which our R. H. S. nine has received this season. It was not however, a defeat to be ashamed of, as the game was only won by the T. C. A's after ten hotly contested innings. After sustaining one defeat at the hands of the High School nine, the T. C. A's came to Rutland last Saturday with determination marked in every feature. They were also re-enforced by an excellent catcher, not however from the Academy, who did a great deal toward winning the game. The High School boys put in their regular nine and had it not been for the errors of the infield, would have won the game easily. Kimball started in to umpire the game, but after a few innings withdrew at the request of the captains of both nines. Up to the fourth inning the game was entirely in favor of the T. C. A's, but in the lucky fourth the High School boys rolled in nine runs and took the lead. At the ninth the score was tied. In the tenth the R. H. S. made one run in their half, but with two men out allowed the Academy boys to score twice in theirs. The score is as follows:

R. H. S.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Baldwin	p.	4	1	2	1	2	4	1
Davis	c. f.	6	1	2	0	0	0	1
Channel	1 b.	6	0	4	0	12	0	1
Sawyer	l. f.	6	1	2	2	2	0	0
Lane	2 b.	6	3	1	1	2	3	4
Eggleston	r. f.	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
Welch	3 b.	6	2	2	0	0	0	1
Gilrain	s. s.	3	2	2	0	1	1	3
Parkhurst	c.	5	2	2	0	10	4	2
Totals		45	14	16	5	29	12	14

T. C. A.

	P.	A.B.	1 B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Sheldon	c.	7	4	4	1	12	5	1
Flint	p.	7	3	2	0	1	2	1
Ross	s. s.	7	0	4	1	0	6	1
Weed	r. f.	7	1	0	1	0	0	1
Herrick	c. f.	7	0	3	0	0	0	0
Humphrey	3 b.	7	0	1	0	4	1	0
Childs	l. f.	6	2	2	1	1	0	0
Porter	1 b.	6	2	2	1	8	1	1
Doten	2 b.	6	3	2	0	4	1	1
Totals		59	15	20	5	30	16	6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
T. C. A.	1	4	1	0	3	1	1	2	0		2—15
R. H. S.	0	0	0	1	9	1	0	0	2		1—14

Earned runs—R. H. S. 1, T. C. A. 2; struck out—by Flint 10, by Baldwin 10; 2 base hits—Flint, Porter, Parkhurst. Time of game, 2 h. 40 minutes. Umpire, Kimball, Wells and Jenne. Scorer, E. L. Allen. Mascot, Matthews.

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BEFORE the next issue of our paper appears the school meeting will have been held. From present appearances there seems to be some agitation as to the administration of school affairs next year. The NOTES suggests that as we have a good school and efficient school officers, that no change be made. The NOTES, as the representative of the scholars, strongly favors our present Principal's methods, and thinks that no change for the better can be made.

THE great musical treat has passed and Rutland again seats herself upon the stump of anticipation and longs for the next "Annual Music Festival." The R. H. S. was well represented at all the concerts, and, although her scholars are not yet competent to criticise such excellent music as was given, they may in time, with the help of their own "Annual Concerts," become good musicians and critics. Music in Rutland should gain a great impetus from such a Festival, and it would not be too much to hope that before many years Rutland will have an "Academy of Music" to accommodate her musically inclined audiences and worthy of being the place for holding her musical gatherings.

WE dine at one! It will not do to say the "R. H. S." is behind the times in devising new "schemes," and when we take our repast at one o'clock we are setting a fashion which other schools will *try* to follow. The new experiment was somewhat unfortunate for the habits of our scholars, as a very noticeable sleepiness pervaded the school and several scholars were seen to slyly glance at the clock, the hands of which pointed to eight, and sleepily rub their eyes. Although our students are apparently not wholly believers in the old motto, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," this new eight o'clock plan may perhaps help them to fulfill half the proverb and to become at least *half* healthy, *half* wealthy and *all* wise.

It has been suggested that we have an Eiffel Tower erected at our World's Fair, by its original designer, an idea not worthy of a moment's thought from any true American. The people of America have gained a well-earned reputation for originality and should not, nor will they allow it to be effaced in this case. If we Americans are not capable of devising new and original features for our Fair, we are not capable of holding and conducting one. All foreigners should have an equal opportunity with Americans as regards exhibits, but the distinguishing features should be strictly American. Let these be American if there be nothing more than an American Log Cabin (for even this would be better than a foreigner's palace). Chicago has the well-wishes of the world, but it is not alone to Chicago that the work should fall. All America, North and South, should take an active interest and make our World's Fair to be an American success.

In the *Baltimore Sun* there recently appeared an article upon "Social Microbes." Possibly the microbe which might be called "lack of town pride" has infected some of our Rutland people, but we are glad to see its effect seems to be less potent, and there seems to be a growing desire to put in its place a microbe which will change the disposition of the one upon it chances to fall. This last microbe may be called the "microbe of town pride." The contagion has as yet developed to no dangerous extent. We hope that this "microbe of town pride" may at least enter the system of every one who had "la grippe" and many others. When it does, our beautiful town will be still more beautiful. A step in the right direction is seen in the removal of the ancient landmarks—the park fences and the trimming of the trees. We trust this is but the first symptoms of a general epidemic.

This is a school paper. In it educational topics may properly be considered. The fearless position taken by Mr. Powderly, the chief of the great order of Knights of Labor, upon the subject of education shows that this body is surely in sympathy with advance movements in this direction. They realize that education is necessary for the highest citizenship. They claim that, whatever may be the country of our ancestors, all should here be Americans. By the true Knights of Labor reverence for laws always should be encouraged and public pride cherished.

This last statement leads us to say that we think it could have been no Knight of Labor who was so detestably mean as to destroy the signs which had been placed in the school-house park requesting people to keep off the grass. The purpose is to make the school-grounds an object of pride to the people who help to support them. To request that the people who sometimes walk in the neighborhood of the school-house exercise a little care so that the three or four hundred scholars who daily occupy the school building may enjoy the beautiful grounds, seems no more than reasonable. We are loth to think that there is any one in Rutland who would not do anything possible to aid in this work. It has been suggested that we further beautify our park by placing flowers in it. Possibly it may be a little late to do this the present season, but we think the suggestion should receive our careful consideration, for we think the School Board would have no objections to such a plan.

A LETTER.

Almost in direct opposition to reports concerning the trouble caused by base ball victories and defeats in the towns of Cambridge, Mass., and Burlington, Vt., Prof. Wilson received a letter from a gentleman of a neighboring town last week, a portion of which we will quote:

"Your High School boys are gentlemen. I wish to bear witness to that. To play ball and still be a gentleman may be a pretty severe test, but your boys bore it manfully. Their conduct from the time they reached town, both about the village and upon the field of battle was exceptionable."

We print this in justice to the nine, and also that those who do not see them in their "out of town" games, may judge concerning their conduct at these times.

New Haven, Conn., May 24, '90.

Editors of the R. H. S. Notes:

Each term has its specialties and advantages, but nearly every one will agree that this term, beginning in spring and ending in summer, is the most delightful of all. At this time all out-door sports are in full sway, and especially is this true here. Base ball and tennis and track athletics, all present many attractions to the College man, and every sport finds numerous admirers. If you walk out to the athletic field on a pleasant afternoon you will see the 'Varsity nine practicing on one diamond, on another the Freshmen, and perhaps a game in progress on a third; while an echoing gun shot informs you that the gun club are slaughtering clay pigeons near by. In the distance you can see a strip of the harbor's blue water, over whose splashing waves glides an eight-oared shell, manned by the best crew in college, stalwart men with muscles bronzed by daily exposure to wind and sun.

Tennis courts are in great demand, for tennis is one of the most popular of all summer sports. And so the days pass by very quickly, and the end of the term approaches with the long-dreaded examinations, brightened a little by the anticipations of a long vacation.

In the evenings, after supper, the upper classmen gather together on the campus and perch themselves upon the wooden rails of the fence, laugh and joke and sing college glees, while the the hours slip by and darkness comes on. Then the lights from the dormitory windows flash out one by one, like the stars of a constellation, and the evening work begins. The silence of night is often broken, now by some senior who sticks his head out of the open window into the darkness without and requests a classmate, in no low voice, to inform him of the lesson in law for the next day, and again the quiet is disturbed by the voices of an unseen group, up to some pranks, no doubt. The notes of a banjo softly fall upon the ear, a pleasant contrast to a penetrating flute, whose owner and musician is politely asked to "Shut up!" As the lights on the campus came on one by one, so they disappear, a few remain burning into the small hours of the night, perhaps illuminating the pages of obtuse and puzzling text books, over which the "grinds" wear out the eyes.

Two college ball games, one with Princeton and one with Harvard, have already taken place in New Haven; in both Yale has been victorious. To see one of these contests is a privilege long to be remembered. At such a game here all the city, as well as the college, to say nothing of the crowds of visitors and graduates, turn out as partizans and supporters of the Yale blue. Early in the afternoon the carriages make their way to the field, decked with flags and gay ribbons. The grand stand is soon filled with the admirers of the colleges, who display their colors in every fashion, while about the diamond the carriages are lined in double rows, extending even around the whole field. When the game begins a flutter of excitement passes along the lines of spectators, all watching with eager interest. At the end the crowd melt away as they came, and are soon lost to sight under the roofs of the city.

Thus the weeks come and go, and time flies rapidly. Very soon the seniors will have finished their happy four years, and will step aside to make room for another class. Then good-byes and partings taken, while with bright thoughts of the past and sorrow for the moment, yet filled with expectant hope for the future, the class breaks

up. As the years roll by the graduate will return to his Alma Mater and live on happy scenes, while he sits on the fence and sings once more,

"'Neath the elms of dear old Yale."

J. H. F.

"CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE," AND HOW IT WAS OBTAINED.

It has been frequently asserted that obelisks were originally erected in honor of the sun, of which they were said to be a symbol, and that they served the purpose of a sun-dial. But this opinion is now usually rejected, and it is generally believed that obelisks were nothing more than monumental structures, serving as ornaments for the open squares where they were built, or else they were intended to celebrate some important event and to perpetuate its remembrance. They were usually adorned with hierogliphics. The idea of securing an obelisk for the city of New York grew out of the newspaper reports in 1877, relative to the work of transporting a similar monument from Alexandria to London. It was stated in one New York newspaper that "His Highness, the Khedive of Egypt, had signified his willingness to present to the city of New York, upon a proper application being made to him, the remaining obelisk of Alexandria." The matter was laid before the Department of State and Mr. Evarts, who was then Secretary of State, requested Mr. Farman, who was the representative of the United States at the court of the Khedive, to "use all proper means of furthering the object." Mr. Farman understood that the question of obtaining an obelisk for New York was entirely new in Egypt. He had an interview with the Khedive, who was much surprised at the proposal. He said that it would be a great pleasure for him to gratify the people of the United States, but the matter would have to be seriously considered, and as to the obelisk at Alexandria he did not think it best even to mention it, as the people of that city would make too much opposition to its removal, but nearly two years later, after many consultations, "Cleopatra's Needle," the obelisk at Alexandria, was given to New York city by a written statement of the Chief Pasha, and not to the United States as some suppose. It is a single shaft of red granite, from the quarries of Syria, at the first cataract of the Nile, seven hundred miles from the Mediterranean. It is sixty-eight feet ten inches high, tapering gradually upward, terminating in a pyramidoid. Its weight is about two hundred and twenty tons. It stood upon the sea-shore of Alexandria, fifty feet from the water line, with its base buried in sand and earth that had been accumulating for centuries. Most of the obelisks that have been removed from Egypt were taken by the Romans as conquerors. In modern times only two have been removed besides "Cleopatra's Needle,"—those in Paris and London. The European press of Egypt gave great importance to the fact that the London and Paris obelisks were both given on account of services and favors renndered by the governments of the countries to which they were presented, while there was no pretense of any such consideration for the gift of "Cleopatra's Needle" to the city of New York.

R. G. N.

NOTES.

Finis.

21–19.

"Fall in!"

Refreshments.

"I psoperimetrical!"

"I can't comprehend it."

"That man plays the gazoon."

"What was the seven years war called in Europe?

"William of Orange married an Egyptian princess."

We hope by next year a debating society may be organized in this school.

Master Fritz Burnham will look after the locals of the High School C.'s next year.

Arrangements are being made for the enlargement and improvement of the NOTES for next year.

The base ball club has profited by its defeats, and has begun to practice preparatory to playing ball.

The time of the weekly singing lesson has been changed, and is now the first period Tuesday morning.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the proposed trip to Killington Peak will be taken to-morrow.

The new arrangement of beginning school at 8 a. m. and closing at 1 p. m. is much enjoyed by the scholars.

The R H. S. nine and the nine from Middlebury, will play the return game at Middlebury, Saturday, June 21.

The frigid atmosphere of the schoolroom has been a source of grievance to some of the students the past week.

The signs "Please keep off the grass" have suddenly disappeared. But we must keep off the grass just the same.

W. L. Sargeant, '92, who left school some time ago, has taken a position in Ensign's grocery store on Strong avenue.

Maybe the girls enjoy it, but to the boys the idea of having their pictures taken every noon is getting rather irksome.

According to the compositions on "Rutland Twenty-five Years Hence," this city certainly has a very promising outlook.

The scholars and teachers of the R. H. S. were photographed on the front steps last Monday, by Fuller, the photographer.

The O. R. C. C. are rejoicing over the arrival of rachets, and before long we may expect to see a fine (?) game of tennis on their court on Lincoln avenue.

It has been suggested that the members of the Algebra class might profitably hunt up their old arithmetics and spend some time on the study of fractions.

The extremely hungry look which is noticed on the faces of scholars in the picture is probably accounted for by the fact that we are not yet used to having our dinner hour postponed so long.

Among those who sang in the chorus of the Music Festival last week, from this school, were Misses Sedileau, French, Verder, Silliman, Long, Bailey and Douglass, and Messrs. Stewart, McDonough and Davis.

The advent of summer is heralded by the formation of a "Hat Brigade" among the young ladies of the school. The prevailing style seems to be hats of the masculine gender, trimmed with flowers of different colors and varieties.

It is said that many of the lower schools have followed the example of of the R. H. S. and presented papers to the Board in regard to having their school hours changed, but have met with no success. Wait until you are older, children.

With this issue the present Board of Editors end their labors, retire to private life and sink into obscurity, but they have made their mark in the annals of the R. H. S., "and departing, leave behind them foot-prints on the sands of time."

We regret to say that for various reasons the third game between the R. H. S. and the T. C. A. cannot be played. Each nine having won a game, the third would have been watched with more than ordinary interest by the supporters of both nines.

A meeting of the class of '91 was called by the president, on Monday, June 9, to act upon the resignation of Miss Heath from the staff of the NOTES. After some discussion it was decided to accept her resignation, and Miss Hussey was elected as her substitute. The meeting then adjourned.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Miss Villa Styles, '89, is teaching school in Pittsford.

Miss Grace Munger, '86, is cashier in Chas. Sterns' dry goods store.

Miss Charlotte A. Kilburn, '77, is proprietor of a millinery store on Center street.

Mr. John E. Woodward, '87, who is a cadet at West Point, is expected home soon, for a short vacation.

Miss Hetta Jones, '89, has been visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. T. A. Davis, *nee* Gertrude L. Smith, '84, is now a clerk in Chas. Sterns' store.

Mr. Edward L. Temple, superintendent of the Rutland schools, was a member of the class of '61.

Mr. E. H. Fox, now one of the reporters of the *Rutland Daily Herald*, was a member of '84.

W. C. Jenne, '89, has returned from Albany, where he has been attending the Business College.

Miss Sue Sheldon, '88, is now at Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany.

Miss Mary F. Hall, '85, left town last week for Detroit and Chicago, where she will visit friends for several weeks.

Mr. Charles Pennington, '82, is employed in the store of Van Doorn & Tilson.

Mr. Fred F. Sullivan, '85, is now in the employ of Uncle Sam as mail carrier.

DEFEAT NUMBER TWO.

A Comedy of Errors.

The R. H. S. nine went to Middlebury Decoration Day and received their second defeat in the hands of a picked nine from that place. Again the nine went down by their errors and inability to hit the ball at critical points. After running up seven runs in the first inning, they seemed to think the game already won, and by careless playing allowed the Middlebury boys to score five times in their half. The game was close enough throughout to make it interesting, although the score was so large and errors on both sides so numerous.

Following is the score:

MIDDLEBURY.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dorsey	1 b.	6	1	0	1	7	1	2
Williams	r. f.	6	3	2	3	0	1	0
C. A. Adams	p.	5	4	1	0	1	11	4
Taylor	2 b.	6	3	2	2	10	1	1
Sturdevant	3b.	6	4	4	2	4	2	4
C. F. Adams	c.	5	1	2	0	3	1	0
Eldridge	l. f.	5	2	1	0	1	1	0
Smith	c. f.	5	2	3	2	0	0	1
Wells	s. s.	5	1	1	0	1	0	4
Totals		49	21	16	10	27	18	15

R. H. S.

	P.	A.B.	R.	1 B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Baldwin	p.	5	3	3	4	0	14	0
Parkhurst	c.	6	2	3	1	5	1	2
Otis	s. s.	6	3	1	2	0	1	2
Davis	c. f.	6	3	0	3	0	0	0
Welch	r. f.	6	1	2	0	0	0	0
Sawyer	l. f.	6	2	3	0	0	0	0
Channel	1 b.	6	1	1	0	13	0	1
Lane	2 b.	6	1	1	1	3	5	1
Tossing	3 b.	6	3	2	0	3	2	2
Totals		56	19	16	10	24	33	9

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Middlebury	5	3	3	2	0	0	7	1	x	—21
R. H. S.	7	3	1	0	1	2	0	5	0	—19

Umpire—Wynn. Scorer—P. G. Ross.

BATTING AVERAGE.

The following are the batting averages and individual records of the players in the nine on the first five games:

1.	Baldwin	.500
2.	Sawyer	.476
3.	Davis	.376
4.	Tossing	.333
5.	Channel	.310
6.	Gilrain	.250
7.	Parkhurst	.230
8.	Welch / Lane	.214
9.	Otis	.154
10.	Eggleston	.142

	T.	R.	1 B.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Gilrain	16	10	4	6	2	4	5
Channel	29	8	9	1	40	0	6
Lane	28	12	6	4	10	7	6
Welch	28	12	6	6	2	1	5
Sawyer	21	6	10	6	2	0	0
Davis	30	9	11	8	0	0	1
Baldwin	29	13	13	11	6	77	3
Parkhurst	26	8	6	2	38	16	9
Eggleston	21	8	3	4	2	0	0
Otis	13	4	2	3	2	3	2
Tossing	6	3	2	0	3	2	2

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It is with great pleasure that we take our places in the old school room, now hardly to be recognized in its new arrangement, and extend a hearty hand of welcome to our new teacher, Mr. Ellsworth. It is a duty that we owe, to our teachers, the Board of Education and ourselves, that we earnestly and enthusiastically support Professor Ellsworth in all his plans and by our aid endeavor to make his work, which at the best is far from easy, pleasant and interesting to him and thereby productive of good results to ourselves.

We have many pleasant memories of our former teacher and true friend, Mr. Wilson. At all times and in all places a perfect gentlemen and with the best interests of the school always before him, he was indeed a model teacher. We extend our best wishes to him in his studies and predict a brilliant future as a reward for his well-placed and conscientious efforts. To Mr. Alger, who in his short stay with us proved himself a good teacher and a fine scholar, we express our hopes that success will crown his labors in the cause of education. Welcoming our good teacher, Miss Walker, back, we bid farewell to old teachers and enter a new year's work, promising our efforts to make this year the pleasantest and most profitable of our school life.

All persons interested in studying the many and varied phases of human nature, and in noting their different peculiar aspects, will find ample food for reflection in observing the general matter published in our daily newspapers, but particularly the contrasting points of individual character noticeable in the advertising columns. It is possible that we editors are of the anomalous class of people who notice mistakes and oddities in others while overlooking their own eccentricities, but when we see an advertisement announcing Santa Claus Headquarters in July we begin to think that the world is moving too fast for the merchant, or that the merchant is moving too fast for the world.

Speaking of the new Church street school building Mr. Temple says: "The District needs a hall for school purposes very much, as it has none at command, and is forced to rent for its needs, or more often go without. It is very desirable that the third floor of this new building should be arranged for that purpose." This suggestion is one that should receive the support of every person interested in the welfare of our schools. The advantages secured in having a well appointed hall at the command of the schools would be of inestimable value. The certainty of there being a suitable hall in which to hold school entertainments, exercises, etc., would be conducive toward producing a fondness for such exercises among the scholars and help to promote a more earnest and enthusiastic interest in the schools among outsiders.

Perhaps Rutland may be behind the world and the big cities in her ability to distribute knowledge among the rising generation, but from all appearances she seems to be able to hold her place in the van of educational progress. In direct contrast to the reports from some of the large cities as to their ability to provide facilities to accommodate their pupils, we find Rutland, with her new buildings, fully able at present to meet all demands for more school room, and with her many excellent teachers, capable of imparting the "golden grains of education" to the younger portion of her population.

"A VISIT TO A CEMETERY."

During my vacation I visited a quaint little town situated among the hills in the western part of our State. And learning there was an old cemetery near the place where I was staying, I determined to visit it; consequently one afternoon I started out, and in a very short time reached the spot, and taking away the stone which held the iron gate in place, I entered this silent city of the dead.

Turning toward the north I had taken only a few steps when I was attracted to a stone, darkened by time and leaning toward the ground. Raising it, I found that it bore the date 1803, and was erected in memory of an infant. At the foot was this stanza:

"Death's sharpened arrow gave the wound
And now she moulders in the ground."

Rather gloomy lines, they seemed to me, to be placed above the resting place of an innocent child.

The next head-stone that I examined was of slate, on the top of which was engraved a head which I concluded after deep meditation was probably intended to represent that of an angel, but the result was certainly not complimentary to the artist. Below this was the name of the person and the date 1796, and still lower was the following:

"Life is uncertain, full of care;
Therefore in life for death prepare."

Walking slowly along and studying the stones as I went, I finally came to one erected over the grave of a man who, I learned from the inscription, had been killed by lightning in 1825, and this was his epitaph:

"Hark! hark! it was a doleful sound
When lightning struck me down;
My friends, a solemn sight did see,
But they must follow me."

On the opposite side of the cemetery I found one of the same date upon which was engraved:

"A sudden death has stopped my breath,
I lie beneath this clod.
Take warning all, both great and small,
Prepare to meet your God."

In a lonely corner I chanced to find a broken slab of marble lying upon the ground partially covered by the grass, which, pushing away, I read:

"Rest here, sweet babe, beneath this clay,
To moulder with a brother dear,
While tender parents, standing round,
Pour forth a filial tribute tear."

There was one large stone erected in 1803 in memory of three babies, and upon its surface were carved these words:

"Three lovely flowers adorned our bed,
Our hearts enjoyed their sweet perfume,
But in one fleeting moon had fled;
Heaven spake, they drooped, and sought the tomb.

I was particularly interested in a tall stone which stood under a clump of pine trees. I could see letters at the base; and stooping down, I pushed away the leaves and earth and endeavored to decipher the words, but was unable to do so on account of the moss which had so firmly attached itself to the stone. And so, concluding that I would solve the mystery at some later date, and knowing that my time was limited, I turned homeward; and going out through the little gateway I paused for a moment and looked at that quaint little resting place. As I did so the thoughts of the rapid flight of time and the change which we call death, would not be forced from my mind.

They had fallen asleep, and had awakened to a higher life a little sooner than I, that was all. K. E. H.

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IT seems to be quite the fashion with the new boards of editors of our exchanges to make their "best bows," take their "places upon the stage of action," ask their "kind readers to overlook mistakes," etc. Possibly these oft repeated expressions may be of interest to the ambitious editors, but to the public they seem stale with long usage. Despite the test of time there seems to be several very noticeable errors in the statements, proving that the editors have small interest in the improvement of their papers, or are unable to grasp the situation with their abnormally developed brains. For instance, to ask the public to overlook mistakes is an altogether wrong idea of the way in which to improve their papers. The truest friend of a school paper should be its severest critic, believing that his criticism will be heeded by the progressive editor and the points criticized improved. In beginning the second year of our short journalistic career, we shall expect and desire criticism, to enable us to reach the standard established by the former editors. But if we are to be criticised, as we hope we shall be, it becomes our right and duty to criticise others.

Many of the points touched upon by the former editors, such as the needs of and benefits to be derived from a campus, debating club, etc., will, we trust, stand reburnishing and reviewing, but it is our sincere hope that we shall not be compelled to write upon the disloyalty of the school to the school paper. You say, "What is disloyalty?" and we answer, the apathy manifested by the school in relation to the subscription list. A few workers substituted for the "Oh! I can't" kind of scholars would accomplish wonders, and improve the paper by encouraging the editors. With these few words we will drop our pen and await results.

The spectacle of our street sprinkler industriously sprinkling the streets in a heavy rain well illustrated the resolution of man to vie with nature.

NOTES.

"Honorificabilitudinity."

"Good evening."

"I haven't found the place yet."

Next.—"O, excuse me!"

"I never had to stay."

John Farrell, '92, is in school again this term.

Miss Winnifred Farrington, '92, has left school.

What about a debating club this year?

There are now twenty members of the A class.

Foot ball was seen for the first time, this season, on Thursday last.

Query for the English History class: "Who was Charles III. of England?"

Miss Alice Long, '92, leaves Rutland Sept. 25 for an extended trip in the West.

We hope all the scholars have had a happy vacation and gladly welcome them back to school.

The scarcity of school books is making a great deal of trouble to both teachers and scholars.

Van Harwood has come back to school and is a member of the class of '93.

Miss Caddie Sleeper, formerly of '91, takes English History and English Literature in the R. H. S.

Miss Mabel Curtis, formerly a member of the class of '91, has returned to school and takes General History.

Teacher—"What is a rhombus?"

Blushing pupil—"A square with oblique angles."

Advice to young ladies who give dances—"Those who dance must pay"—well, you know the rest.

One of the largest classes in school this year is the "beginners in Latin," nearly all of the class coming in from Miss Ruggles' room.

Alton Spafford, '91, has decided not to return to school this year, and confines himself closely to his work in the B. & R. office.

Teacher—"What is the plus sign made up of?"

Pupil—"A horizontal line with a parallel line crossing it."

"What does Chaucer refer to in the words "smaller fowls?"

(Whisper from the third seat): 'Spring chickens."

There is talk of presenting a petition for the continuance of the military company. We hope this will be done, and that the boys will all sign it.

As has been the custom for several years past, the A class have the privilege of being dismissed at 3 o'clock, which they highly appreciate.

If the bust of Shakespeare, the gift of the class of '89, could have a layer or two of dust removed from it we think its appearance would be improved.

Lewis P. Sheldon, who has been in Germany the past few months, returned home on Saturday, Sept. 13, and left for Albany to re-enter the Albany Academy the following Tuesday.

The classical students in the A class seem to have cultivated a very marked affection for the Greek Lexicon, as one of them, a girl, was noticed affectionately embracing it the other day.

F. D. Steele, a former member of '91, had the pleasure of enjoying his vacation in Rutland. Fred is at present employed in an architect's office in New York.

Mr. Bert Chamberlain, at one time a student in the Grammar schools, is employed in a large drug store in Brooklyn. He spent a week in Rutland visiting his parents.

The infant Latin class has thirteen members. This is an unlucky number, but we hope the class will prove the superstition false by having their lessons especially well.

Mr. A. B. Cheney, under whom many students of the R. H. S. had the privilege of studying music, is soon to leave Rutland for Boston with the possibility of his taking up his permanent residence in that city.

In a letter received from Mr. Wilson by one of the A class, he says: "Remember me most kindly to all the scholars. Tell them all that letters will be most welcome from them." Mr. Wilson is now near Heidelberg, Germany.

Several scholars from other grades have skipped a year and entered the High School. Among them are Etta Franklin and Addie Schryver from the Ungraded School and Agnes Fisher, Lela Sanford, Willie Tuttle and Ernest Russell from Grammar A.

Considerable consternation was caused among the boys of the Senior and Junior classes last Monday afternoon, by the intrusion into their select circle of a good-sized worm of unknown name. To say they were frightened does not half express it."

The latest thing among a certain few of the girls is to count the number of "hat tips" they receive from the boys. We will not divulge what befalls the one who happens to be the twenty-fifth, fiftieth, seventy-fifth or "hundredth man," but we advise the boys to be careful.

The lack of education among some people in the world is well shown by this exact copy of a young man's attempt at writing in an album:

"Frend,"

"This is a golden chane that binds Our harts to gather and if you never brake this chane, We Will be frends for ever."

Those who will make up the R. H. S. ball nine this term and their positions are as follows: Parkhurst, c.; Baldwin, p.: Davis, c. f.; Jenne, 2b.; Sawyer, l. f.; Channel, 1b.; Welch, 3b.; Gilrain, ss.; and Eggleston, r. f. At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors, Parkhurst was elected Captain and Davis, Business Manager. Games will be arranged as soon as possible with T. C. A., Middlebury and other high school nines in the State.

OUR ALUMNI.

Miss Eliza McGuire, '89, is teaching in Mendon.

Miss Kate Sullivan, '89, is a milliner in New York city.

Miss Kittie Crowley, '85, is teaching school in West Rutland.

Miss Bertha Carey, '87, is teaching in District No. 2, Rutland.

Fred P. Billings, '83, is a member of the firm of Billings & Son of this town.

Miss Mamie Naylon, '89, is teaching school in Pittsford.

Harry Thompson, '87, has left Rutland to attend the Harvard School of Medicine.

Miss Ethel Temple, '89, is to attend school near Boston next year, preparatory to entering New York College.

Alfred Turner, 88, returned to Amherst last week, beginning his second year. Mr. Turner has assisted to some extent in editing the college periodicals.

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Daphna was a doctor (at a very early date),
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II.

Now this man liked a supper much better than a dinner,
'Though I leave to your wise judgment were he loser or a winner,
For the Moon, to his mind's thinking, digestion did aid,
And food, if ate at noon-time, on the stomach heavy laid;
So then, he ne'er ate heartily till Luna was up high,
And the stars a twinkling brightly, o'er his table, in the sky;
And then he'd eat contented from evil omen free,
Although this seems quite strange unto learned men like you and me.
I think you know him fully and I'll now commence my tale—
But be prepared for tragedy—to faint—at least, turn pale.

III.

Daphna was taken prisoner by a very mighty king
Who warred against his country with arrow and with sling.
The King learned of this habit his prisoner possessed,
And then said in a jovial voice, "I'll put him to the test."

IV.

"Bring before me this physician who never dines, but sups,
And I will teach him manners—when to use his bowls and cups.
And I will clearly show to him, his very vain ideas,
And how to eat a dinner without any evil fears."

V.

Out of chains was Daphna taken and brought before the throne,
But when he saw the monarch he fell before him, prone;
"Rise up, thou base-born sluggard, hear what I ask of thee—
I dine within an hour, wilt thou come and dine with me?"
"My liege most high, I cannot, for 'tis not my eating time,
But I'll sup with thee this evening, any hour after nine."
"What! dar'st thou make refusal?" "'Tis true, I must, great king."
"Guards, bind this naughty rebel and to the table bring,
And I will make him dine with me, in spite of what he's said,
E'en if I have to force it—yes, force it down his head!"

VI.

So Daphna ate his dinner—the first for many years,
And of an agonizing death he had great many fears;
And for a long time after, he was forced to do the same,
But in every limb he trembled, when the dreaded banquet came.
"And thou shall know," the monarch said, to dine is much a treat,
Comparing it with supping—a quite poor time to eat;
And thou shalt say the same thyself, before I'm through with thee,
And I'm a truthful prophet to a very great degree."

VII.

And time passed on, and finally our Daphna, he did say,
That dinner was the best meal that one could have a day.
"Eat a hearty dinner, a breakfast hot and fair,
But eat a quite light supper or in your dreams you'll stare."
These are Daphna's sentences delivered to his lord.
The monarch answered smiling, "you ne'er said a truer word."

VIII.

Daphna then lived healthier than he had lived before,
He slept a sounder slumber, and of vigor he had more;
He lived at the King's palace, his nearest friend and true—
For the moral of my rhyming, I will humbly leave to you.

J. G. S.

HAPPY NUPTIALS.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 10, Miss Lora Hazleton, formerly a member of the C class of the R. H. S., was united in marriage to Mr. William Kershaw, a bookkeeper of this town. The wedding took place at the home of the bride on Gibson avenue, Rev. Dr. Phillips of the Congregational church officiating. During the ceremony the bridal pair stood under a beautiful arch of smilax and roses at either side of which were large bouquets of cut flowers. There were no bridesmaids or groomsmen in attendance. After the ceremony the happy pair remained under the arch while receiving the congratulations of the friends and relatives present. After a short bridal tour they will reside on Gibson avenue. Mrs. Kershaw has the sincere congratulations and the best wishes of the scholars of the R. H. S.

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ANY departures from the old weather-beaten paths, or attempts to improve present methods, generally cause a host of complaints and criticisms from the adherents of the old school. We may expect a volcanic eruption, the rumblings of which have already begun to be heard from our friends across the sea, upon the passage of the McKinley tariff bill. Let the eruption come, the ashes will all fall on the other side. The greater the eruption, the greater will be the reaction, and the deeper will the critics and faultfinders be buried.—SELAH.

IF newspapers require a first-class sensational article they turn to Chicago for matter, and she always seems able to fill the bill. With the settlement of the World's Fair site question and a postponement of further action in regard to the fair until November, it seems doubtful what she will provide next to satisfy the greed of the hungry reporter. To see a newspaper with no mention of Chicago or the World's Fair in its editorial columns would be like the small boy without a top—nothing to play with. It devolves upon Chicago to vindicate her reputataion and provide something to relieve the embarrassing state of affairs.—What will it be, Chicagoites?

It has been suggested that there be a Debating Club formed in the school, and we want to favor that suggestion with all emphasis. There is nothing likely to prove of more benefit to the participants than a good, live "Debating Club," in which a little friendly rivalry may be engendered, thereby causing each to do his best. The practice of being able to express one's thoughts in a comprehensive and forcible manner is sure to be of inestimable value. To be able to think for one's self is much better than to be compelled to use another's words and ideas, especially when those ideas are old and out of date. Let us by all means have a Debating Club.

A new and most startling turn has been given to the long opposition to demoralizing literature, and in the very place where it will do the most good (?) Bad books, as every one knows, are anywhere mischievous, but when placed in the hands of the young under the seal of "pedagogical authority," and introduced as text-books, they reach the climax of pernicious influence. And it is all the more startling to find that, while stern laws are enforced against the publication or circulation through the mails of immoral books, our public schools are being flooded with the degrading and evil productions from the pens of low-minded authors.

At least this is what some of the school principals have found to be true regarding certain poems, now in the literary course of Brooklyn schools. The revolt of these pure-minded men has been caused by a certain corrupt and debasing poem called "The Building of the Ship," purporting to have been written by one H. W. Longfellow. Other poems by the same man, Longfellow, have been used in the schools against strenuous protests of the principals. One of these, entitled the "Psalm of Life," its very title showing its exceedingly irreligious character, contains the following lines, which seem especially shameless and depraved :

> "Act, act in the living Present,
> Heart within and God o'erhead—"

thoughts which doubtless have led many innocent boys and girls to forsake the path of righteousness for the dramatic stage.

Another equally scandalous production is "The Bridge," which shows its intrepid hero as saying :

> "How often, Oh ! how often,
> In the years that have gone by,
> I have stood on that bridge at midnight,
> And gazed on the wave and sky."

As though these were not enough, in the curriculum are found such works as Maud Müller, Tennyson's "In Memoriam," and hosts of other equally scandalous works.

Our readers will agree with us that it is time something should be done. Let us discard Longfellow, Whittier and Wordsworth for the elevating works of Dumas, Tolstoi and the like ; and shall not such current literature as the "Police Gazette" and "Fireside Companion" be preferred to the writers who have aroused the righteous indignation of these Brooklyn principals ? It is a great work and well begun, and under such circumstances its success is certain. (?)

The Louisiana Lottery Company seems to be decidedly uneasy and vainly endeavoring to find some loophole through which to escape from the rapidly closing government net. Like the traditional stick, it is too crooked to keep still.

STUDYING.

LILLIAN HEATH.

To us, who are in school, the question of how to study is one of great importance. Many a scholar who has a good mind and who possesses the qualities which insure success in life is not successful in school, for the reason that he does not know how to study. This lack sometimes, nay often, arises from a want of comprehension of the importance of school work.

If studying is important, why not do it thoroughly? If we decide that getting an education had better be our work, why not put the same amount of energy into it that we would if we were learning some trade? Of course each one can find for himself how to study if he tries, and the same method need not necessarily be employed at all times, yet it seems to me that there are certain indispensable conditions of studying.

One of these is the concentration of the mind upon the subject of study. If we think any of our lessons are not worth our undivided attention, it would seem better to find something in this world which is worth our while, for half-hearted study, thinking of the lesson one moment and something else the next, cannot be very strengthening to the mind. To many, concentrated study is impossible, without isolation. Now of course we acquire this ability chiefly by practice, but it seems to me we are inclined not to think of the best ways of studying, so much as it would be good to do. We are continually exhorting ourselves to study and making resolutions that we will study more, when oftimes the fact is that it is not the quantity of study, but the quality which needs improvement.

THE PRIZE ESSAY.

H. C. S.

"Oh, Madge, I do hope you'll get the prize!" "Oh, I guess I shall, anyway I've worked hard enough for it; that Lawton girl is trying her best to beat me, but she shan't do it, if I can help it," and Madge Dennison shook her short yellow curls defiantly, and gave an impatient shrug of her shoulders, as she tripped up the broad steps of the seminary, followed by her bosom friend, Amy Matthews.

Madge, the only niece of a wealthy uncle, petted and spoiled from infancy, had been brought to Craigton Seminary two years before, when sixteen; being of a bright and winsome disposition, she easily acquired many friends, and was soon the leader and belle of the school.

What Madge did, the others must do; and more than once she led them into scrapes from which they were only too glad to escape with a few marks, and perhaps a privilege or two denied them for a while.

Among the other scholars of the school was Edna Lawton, a sweet but rather sad looking girl of seventeen; her father being dead, her mother had striven to educate her daughter as well as possible, with the small means which had been left her. But perhaps you wonder why she was at Craigton Seminary! A rich uncle of hers, very eccentric and somewhat of a miser, had taken it into his head to send Edna to the seminary, and if she graduated with the highest honors—which he greatly doubted—why, he said, "Perhaps I might do something more for the girl."

During the time that Edna had spent at the seminary, she had improved every opportunity given her,

and the result was, that she was one of the best scholars of the school.

How often she would have liked to have been with the other girls in their frequent "midnight revels," and other gay times!

Madge Dennison regarded her with almost jealous eyes; for they both were working for the prize, which was a handsome volume of Shakespeare's complete works, bound in morocco, to be given to the scholar having the best essay. As the graduation day drew near, little studying was done, as the girls were busy making their final preparations, discussing their dresses, the flowers they were to have, and last, but not least, who was to win the prize?

Wednesday, the all-important day, for which some had been looking anxiously, others eagerly, had arrived. Nor could a more beautiful day have been wished for; everything pointed toward success. Edna felt somewhat uneasy, but not Madge; confident that she was to win the prize, she flitted in and out all day long, singing snatches of various songs, while nothing served to trouble her, or to give her the least anxiety.

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The hall was crowded with the relatives and friends of the young ladies of the seminary; very pretty it looked, trimmed with evergreens and wild flowers, but even prettier looked the eight young girls in white muslin and ribbons, who were to graduate. Edna at her own request was to read last. Madge was disappointed in this, as she had wished to be the last one; nevertheless she contented herself with being sixth. The essays were all exceptionally good, and much interest was manifested by each one; still as Madge Dennison took her place upon the stage—not at all moved by the vast audience in front of her—and slowly began to unroll her paper, more than one thought she would be the successful one. Her subject was "Nature." She first treated of it in its general character, then of its charms and fascinations, and as she left the stage the hall rung with applause. The next received her share, but as Edna, trembling and with beating heart, took her place, it hardly seemed possible to Madge that she would win. Edna waited a moment, then in a clear and distinct voice began her essay on "Education." In it she displayed great powers of invention and forethought, and hardly had she finished when it seemed as if the very building itself would fall, so great was the applause which she received. It is needless to say that Edna won the prize, much to her own delight and that of her mother and uncle, but to the chagrin and disappointment of Madge, who had declared, "she shan't get it."

NOTES.

A. W. L.

"My dear! !"

Tutti-frutti!

Lemons and grapes!

Was the coffee warm?

"And kill me in my little bed."

Teacher--When was the Rosetta stone discovered?

Smart girl—1955.

Sumus populi was translated, by one who should know better, "Let us be popular."

The A class intend having their pictures taken in a group in the near future.

Mr. P. R. Kendall visited the school September 15, and gave a very interesting talk.

Will there be a High school quartette this year?

Rhetoricals will be held but once in two weeks this term, and not once a week as formerly.

John Spaulding, formerly a member of the class of '91, has returned to school to take up English literature.

The Estey Organ Company call attention to their complete line of musical instruments.

Populi arcestis auribus was translated by one of the Latin scholars of this room, "The people stand with erect ears."

A petition to have school commence at 8 o'clock A. M., and keep until 1 P. M., is being circulated. Many boys have signed it, but few of the girls.

The late issue of the NOTES last week was not the fault of the editors. The paper for the covers did not arrive in time to publish the paper on the usual day.

Any wishing to write to Mr. Wilson can send their letters addressed, care of Brown, Shipley & Co., Founders Court, London, E. C., England.

Teacher—"You may count to one hundred by two."

Pupil—"Two times one are two, two times two are four."——

This is a new way since we studied arithmetic. It is hard keeping up with the times.

OVERHEARD: First girl—"Who do you suppose wrote the piece signed J. G. S. in the last paper?"

Second girl—"I don't know, perhaps John Godfrey Saxe."

Teacher—"Who was the wife of Ethelred II?"

Shining light—"Earl Godwin."

Miss Carrie Bailey, '92, left for the West last week Wednesday.

Miss Alice Long, formerly a member of '92, attended rhetoricals last Friday afternoon.

We have seen many "proofs" that Allen and Russell, the photographers, are doing a rushing business.

Miss Mamie Pond has left Miss Ruggles' room and become a member of the illustrious class of '93.

The manager of the ball nine informs us that he has been unable to arrange a game with Middlebury, but expects to get a game with T. C. A., in a short time.

James K. Hyde, formerly a member of the junior class, is spending a short time in town. He leaves in a short time for Pottstown, Pa., to re-enter the "Hill School" at that place.

John McDonough formerly in the class of '93, has been traveling in the western part of New York with Mr. G. W. Hilliard of Rutland, selling organs. John was always interested in music, and his new departure is in strict keeping with his nature.

Our respected janitor, Mr. Sullivan, objects to the statement in our last issue concerning the bust of Shakespeare, and says that the dust must have been upon the scribe's glasses, as not a vestige of dust appears upon the beaming countenance of the immortal poet.

It is now highly probable that a debating club will be organized. A meeting of the boys of the High school was held last Tuesday morning, when it was decided, if possible, to form a society. Prof. Ellsworth appointed the following committee to act upon a constitution, etc.: from A s, Stewart and Poronto; B's, Hinsman and Clauson; C's, Burnham.

An enthusiast on gastronomical subjects was noticed serenely appropriating a huge chunk of cake at the last C. E. reception, and then quoting Dickens to the waiter in the language of Oliver Twist, "I want some more."

First rhetoricals of the year were held last Friday afternoon. The subjects were taken from the life and works of Longfellow, and one of the features of the exercise was the singing of "The Bridge" by Misses Norton, Willis and Temple.

When members of the graduating class begin to propose conundrums it seems time for something to be done. One sedate senior was heard softly repeating to himself, "Why is a girl in summer like a newspaper?" and upon being compelled to divulge the answer, shamefacedly announced: "Because she's always in print." Verily, a terrible state of affairs.

ALUMNI NOTES.

W. C. Jenne '89, is book-keeper for C. Parmenter.

Miss Sarah Wynn, '89, is teaching school in Healdville, Vt.

Miss Millie Ellis, '89, has returned to Boston to continue her course in the Conservatory of Music.

Miss Fannie Kingsley, '88, is teaching elocution and physical culture in Saxton's River, Vt.

Miss Villa Stiles, '89, is book-keeper in Silas Knight's meat market on Merchants Row.

Miss Mamie Hall, '87, is in Iowa, studying to teach in the Chicago public schools.

Miss Belle Learned, though not a regular alumnus, was a member of the class of '86, and perhaps some of her old school friends would be interested to know that she was married to Mr. Dana Parkhurst, Wednesday evening, Sept. 23.

EXCHANGES.

Glancing at our exchange table it appears that we were not far behind the times in the date of the appearance of our first number. Very few exchanges, as yet, have been received. The first to appear, "The Central Luminary," is well conducted, but the tendency to put advertisements in the locals detracts from its otherwise neat appearance.

The "High School Bulletin," from Lawrence, Mass., presents itself in a new cover. Typographically speaking, it is a beauty.

The "Res Academicæ," published at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has an especially well conducted literary department, but lacks an exchange column.

The general verdict seems to be against school periodicals, published upon the weekly newspaper plan, but "The Baker Beacon" will go a great way toward dispelling this feeling through its well conducted departments.

We always feel honored when we receive an exchange from our Colleges, but especially in the reception of "The Dartmouth." The last number contains an excellent cut together with a brief sketch of our townsman, Hon. W. G. Veazey.

The "Berwick Scholar" is our next visitor. It is another publication adhering to the newspaper plan, and is well conducted, but seems to contain a preponderance of advertising.

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WE have refrained from mentioning the new cut on our title page for the purpose of ascertaining the opinions of our friends and subscribers upon our new acquisition. The criticisms have been favorable, and we wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Engels for his interest and work in the preparation of our design.

OUR school library, though not large, is well selected and contains many volumes excellent for reference, especially on literary and historical subjects. But there are several books that might well be added, which would prove invaluable as reference works for our History and Literature classes. "Riding's Young Folks History of London" would be especially good in connection with the study of English History. For literary work Mrs. Richardson's "Familiar Talks on English Literature," and Percy's "Reliques of Ancient Poetry" would prove valuable additions to our library. We trust that these books may be obtained.

WHAT is music? A question often asked, but one which we will not attempt to answer. Indeed, we would feel more competent to tell what is not music after hearing the musical talent of the school trying to sing one of Mendelssohn's compositions. Of course this lack of music is not the fault of Mendelssohn, for the music is there, if we could only find it; nor can it be attributed to our music teacher, for no teacher, however good, can expect to attain successful results in teaching without the co-operation and enthusiastic aid of her scholars. Preparations are going on for our next musical, and the school should endeavor to make the "Second Annual" far excel the first. The school did well in their first musical, but it will not do to rest on the laurels attained last year, and the fact remains painfully evident that the music this year is not up to the mark. We have plenty of talent in the

school, but that talent needs energy and interest behind it to make it apparent. A little more force and vigor put into the music on the part of the scholars will accomplish wonders and well uphold the musical reputation of the R. H. S.

RUTLAND'S grade crossings are rapidly coming into prominence in a highly disgraceful and dangerous manner. It is a shame to Rutland that she has not before taken some action on this matter, and the shame will increase if she does not at once extend the hand of protection to her citizens. The time for action is the present, while the legislature is in session. A strong bill should be introduced before Vermont's law-makers, compelling the responsible parties to eliminate the danger arising from these "Death Traps." If there isn't public spirit enough among Rutland's influential men to push this measure, there is plenty in the rising generation, as is attested by its many expressions of disapproval at Rutland's apathy on this question. We can't just see where the cause of the present existing state of affairs lies. If the objection is a financial one, it seems that it can be easily removed. The cost of keeping flagmen stationed at these crossings and the necessary removal of snow and ice in the winter would nearly if not quite pay for the tunnelling under the tracks. But even if the cost did exceed the saving, what is money when compared with human safety. The ancient game laws of England were highly censured for making the life of an animal of more value than that of a human being. The question to-day seems to be whether we will save a few dollars or a human life, and the verdict is, to the disgrace of Rutland, "save the dollars," but the censure will come as surely in our time as it did to William The Conqueror, and the shrewd financiers (?) will be completely overwhelmed.

HALLOW'EEN, the night of terrors to the old and of pleasure to the young, is fast approaching. With anticipation of a jolly time, the boys are industriously accumulating old cabbage stumps and other weapons of warfare, and concocting schemes to make the night hideous and productive of everything but sleep to the wearied citizens; while the girls are laying their plans to celebrate the annual jollification eve in a more subdued and refined manner as becomes the young lady of the period. It is well for the world that young people are a necessary part of its make-up. The slow plodding generation needs something to arouse a little vim and snap, not of the snap-match variety, but a lively and enthusiastic "get there," and enliven their otherwise often sorrowful and monotonous life. It is likely that the old, grumpy individual with enthusiasm in nothing except himself will be fully aware of Young America's position on this "cosmos," and invited indirectly to participate in the "revelry by night." A word of advice to the would-be revelers. Don't carry the fun too far, a half a mile is far enough. We like the old counsel of "moderation in all things," except—well—in the improvement of Rutland and the enforcement of statutory laws.

IF the apathy and inaction of the citizens of Rutland in regard to the grade crossing question is any indication of her public spirit, it would seem that the poor creature needs recuperation, and somebody should compose a requiem, "*In articulo mortis.*"

Literary.

"ACROSS THE ROCKIES WITH FREMONT."

Perhaps but few of our readers are aware that there is living among us one who has braved the perils and hardships experienced by the early travelers in the west. Yet, but a short time ago, two representatives of the NOTES had the pleasure of listening to the story of Mr. Alexis Ayot, who went with Fremont in his famous expedition across the Rocky Mountains in '43, which we reproduce for the benefit of our readers.

"In the year 1843, I started for St. Louis in the expedition raised by the U. S. Government, under the command of Capt. Fremont, to push directly over the Rocky Mountains on the way to California." There were about 60 men in the party, all under government pay of one dollar a day, not including our food, which we were compelled to find for ourselves on the prairies. The snow was on an average three or four feet deep, so that in order to move the sleds that we carried provisions upon, a detachment of men was sent ahead to beat paths through which the sleds were drawn. The guide of our party was the famous hunter and trapper, Kit Carson. Our food consisted principally of dog and horse flesh, and many times for periods of two or three days we were compelled to travel without food. Our snow shoes were handmade, manufactured of deer thongs. Fremont shared with the men, and the watchword of the party was, "each man for himself." Once, as we neared the Rocky Mountains, Fremont, after a long day's travel, began to drag behind. Carson, who was in charge of the party, when he found that Fremont was missing, impatiently cried, "If he can't keep up he must take the consequences," and the party started on. It was bitterly cold and I knew that Fremont must be in great distress, alone in this wild country, so building a large fire in the snow I waited for him while the rest of the party went on. After I had waited some time he came up, nearly dead from cold and hunger. His clothes were frozen stiff and he certainly would not have lived to reach the party had I not stopped for him. After he was somewhat revived, having given him some of my clothes, we went forward and at last came up to the expedition."

"It was on a bright, pleasant day," continued the old man, "that we came in sight of Pike's Peak. The snow was not so deep here as we expected and Fremont determined to climb to the highest point on the mountain. A detachment of six men, including Fremont, Carson and myself, started on the perilous journey. I, being the smallest man in the company, went ahead and was literally pushed up the mountain by my companions. At last we reached the peak, and having drilled a hole in the rocks we planted the American flag, the stars and stripes.

"Very often we encountered bands of Indians, but generally they were very ready to make peace. I remember once we came upon a band on the war-path. Unlike the others they seemed ready to fight. In this band, as we afterwards discovered, was a white man, a Yankee, who had lived among the Indians for thirty years. On the approach of the Indians we made ready our two brass cannons, which we had brought with us. As soon as the white man saw them he understood the significance of those two harmless looking "logs," as the

Indians called them. He begged the Indians not to go near them, but they, not understanding the power of gunpowder and being anxious to fight, could hardly be restrained. At length the white man persuaded them to allow him to come to us, when he besought us to show the Indians how the cannons worked. Therefore, turning them upon a grove of poplar trees with one discharge we fairly riddled the whole grove. That was all the Indians needed, and these were the only ones we saw who seemed at all disposed to be hostile.

"At length we reached our destination, Camp Suter, in the Sacramento valley. Here we remained seven days, buying a fresh supply of pack horses and food. The way back we found to be much easier. Taking a Spanish trail to the Rocky Mountains, we then struck the Arizona river, and following this, the La Platte and the Missouri, we came back in three months, while in going, over eighteen months were consumed."

WHY THE LEAVES TURNED.

M. H.

In that delightful time of "long ago," Mother Nature had in her kingdom two principal workers. One was an artist who worked hard all the year, for his duty was to paint the robes of the flowers, make designs for the mossy carpets and in the latter part of the year to tint the fruits, giving the rich purple and garnet to the grapes, the russet and red to the apples and so on until all the fruit was of the richest color.

The other had a vacation till autumn, and then his work began, although many would have wondered how his deeds could have been called work, for he always had a great deal of mischief to pay him for his tasks. He would crack pitchers and other glass-ware, and redden cheeks, but he was a firm friend to children in bursting the outer cloak of the nuts.

One day coming into the artist's room during the latter part of a year, he asked many questions of the busy artist and teased him until the worker sent him out. Jack, as the mischief maker was called, went off and caused some of the flowers to wither at his voice, and then, passing a large maple tree, stopped to hear what the leaves were saying.

"Oh, dear!" said one, "I wish we could have some different dresses, I am tired of these green ones the year round. The stiff evergreens are just as nicely dressed as we are and I want a change." Her complaint was echoed by many of her companions, until Jack, tired of listening, hurried back to Mother Nature's house where, finding no one in, he laid down his baskets of nuts, which he had gathered during his walk and started in quest of the artist. Reaching his house and looking in he saw the artist still busily engaged in mixing some colors for peaches. Waiting until he saw him go out with several tubes of paint and some brushes, Jack entered the room, and taking one of the palettes and two brushes started for the maples. But he did not understand the art of painting, and so it happened that he put the paints on any and every possible way till he had used up his colors, which were limited to red, yellow and green. He then hurried back with the empty palette and the brushes. There he was met by Mother Nature who scolded him well for his mischievous deed, but he soon pacified her by promising to take it all off.

Poor Jack! he tried hard indeed, but like the blood on Fatima's keys it would not disappear, so Mother Nature caused them to fall to the earth and to be covered by the snow, hoping that the new leaves which she expected in the spring would appear in the natural color. And so they did at first, but when autumn came and the leaves thought of the silly pride of their cousins of the previous year, some blushed with shame, others turned yellow with rage, and a few became pale green with envy at not being like the other leaves.

Then Mother Nature decreed that they all should drop to the earth each autumn, and that Jack Frost should be exiled from the kingdom, except in the fall and winter.

Notes.

"It is done."

R. H. S. D. C.

"Spun foiled."

One day's vacation.

"Who is the crack match fiend?"

The girls are now referred to as "the other side of the house."

County Supervisor Walker visited the R. H. S. last week Wednesday.

One of the scholars was heard to pronounce our school motto as follows: "No-bless-she O-bli-shi."

Prof. Ellsworth—Parse "*Puer.*"

Boy—"*Puer*" is a common, feminine noun of the third declension.

Would-be contributor—What shall I write about?

Editor—Right about face.

Teacher—Who were Romulus and Remus?

Smart Boy—They were "two twins."

We think that any extra effort on the part of the girls to reach high G in "The Lark" would be highly appreciated.

Consolation—One of the A's to a C.—"Well, that wasn't bad, the way we loaded all the officers of the debating club onto the B's."

Volumes number nine and ten of the American Encyclopedia need rebinding, as they are becoming rather dilapidated through careless use.

The committee on mottoes is ready to report, and there will probably be a class meeting soon to decide on that and other important matters of interest to the senior class.

Prof. Ellsworth says if the girls will do something toward organizing a society, as the boys have their debating club, he will see what can be done toward allowing Rhetoricals to be supplanted by a debate or similar exercise.

In the words of the Prophet the A's and C's "weren't in it" at the recent debating club election. All the offices went to the B's, who evinced a remarkable diplomatic inclination, and rushed things through in a truly amazing manner.

On Oct. 10, the senior class were photographed in a group on the Main street side of the school building by E. H. Russell, the photographer. The pictures of course were not perfect, but on the whole were very good, and the class of '91 is to be congratulated on its beauty.

Petitions of all sorts are being circulated of late about the school. The last one we had the honor of signing our name to, was one requesting the "powers that be" to cushion the seats, provide lunch at 10:30 and 3, and procure "ponies" for the Cæsar, Cicero and Virgil classes.

Mr. Alger, who took Miss Walker's place last year, has now a very good position as classical teacher in the Providence High School.

Outsider.—How much did you invest in your edition of Spenser?

Smart R. H. S.-ite.—Only seventy-cents was spent-sir.

The members of the Old Rose cooking club met last Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Helen Goodale, '92, for the purpose of reorganizing and electing officers for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows: President, Miss Helen Silliman, '92; Vice-President, Miss Cassie Willis, '92; Secretary, Miss Mabel Curtis, '92. Two new members, Miss Marion Haven and Miss Sadie Thompson, '91, were admitted. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st.

Our Alumni.

Bertha Dexter, '88, is teaching school on North street.

Mrs. Oscar Barton, *nee* Alta Mason, is living in Dubuque, Iowa.

Chester K. Frost, '86, is buyer for a large book firm in Chicago.

Leeds Nelson, '85, is working in the Tribune building in Minneapolis.

George M. Hascall, '78, is proprietor of a jewelry store in West Rutland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller, both members of the class of '87, are living in Brandon, Vt.

Miss Lena Curtis has returned to Boston to complete her course in the Monroe College of Oratory.

Herbert A. Francisco, '86, is in New York taking a six months' medical course, after which he will receive the degree of M. D.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

An interesting program was rendered at the forty-first annual State Teachers' Association meetings, which were held in Bellows Falls, October 23, 24 and 25. Rutland was well represented. Prof. Ellsworth, Misses Walker, Kelley, Ruggles, Marble, Taylor, Randall, Carrigan and Robbins attended. Miss Ada J. Randall of Rutland contributed a paper to Friday's exercises of the grammar section, on "The Art of Questioning." All report a pleasant time and a successful meeting.

R. H. S. D. C.

The Rutland High School Debating Club has at last been organized. In our last issue we referred to the committee on organization which had been appointed. This committee after several meetings called a meeting of the school and announced the following names as a committee to draw up a constitution: Poronto, chairman; Bates, Gilmore, Clauson and Burnham. Prof. Ellsworth explained both the Parliamentary and Senate systems, and after a short discussion the Senate rules were adopted. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, the school met to hear the report of the committee on constitution. Poronto, on behalf of this committee, presented a constitution which was accepted. On Thursday the club met to elect officers for the term. The election resulted as follows: President, C. B. Hinsman; Vice-President, J. E. Clauson; Sec. and Treas., J. P. Sawyer. The first debate will probably be held three weeks from last Friday.

There is serious talk of organizing a mixed quartette in the school. It is hoped that the talk will take definite form and the organization be perfected.

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IT is impossible to dispute the fact that the nineteenth century is an age of organization. Any person who is not a member of at least two societies of some kind or description, is simply "not in it." In the general rage for organization, which our generation fosters and encourages, the R. H. S. does not escape. We are blessed with every form of an organization from a "Debating Club" (may there soon be another) and an "Anti-Male-Escort Society" to a "High School Quartette" and a "Cooking Club." From the very nature of the case, it is evident that something has got to be named last, and when we end our list with a Cooking Club, we do not necessarily insinuate that the club is considered the least important. On the contrary, having in mind the laid out plans of the club, it would seem almost impossible to dispense with an organization so promising and one which is sure to be conducive to the comfort and well being, gastronomically speaking, of its male friends. By its recent election of officers it enters into a new year of conquest and bids fair to win the battle and annihilate the enemy by a lavish discharge of its ammunition, consisting of savory viands (marked "sure death to all boys.") Our best wishes go with you, "O great organization of the future."

THAT SCHOOL LAW.

VERMONT and her School Law make one think of the condition of the small boy with his first pair of trousers. It isn't altogether the trousers that appear awkward; it's partly the boy. When the boy has had his trousers long enough to become acquainted with their peculiarities the awkwardness will wear away and the trousers and boy will work in perfect harmony. This school law has hardly been in force long enough to allow us to judge with any degree of accuracy of its merits as a whole. We may pick out a defect here and there, but entirely

overlook the adjacent good part which will soften and perhaps overbalance it. There are points in the arguments, for and against, which are well taken, but presented somewhat one-sidedly. For instance : the Normal Schools. There is no need of any logic to prove that the Normal Schools of Vermont are not doing the work that the Normal Schools of other states are doing, nor accomplishing the results that could be reasonably expected and are absolutely necessary to make the Normal Schools what they should be. This is, however, not entirely the fault of the schools. In comparing the state support given our Normal Schools with that given to those of other states, we find that Vermont is greatly lacking and therefore cannot expect her schools to be up to the standard of schools which receive more support and encouragement from the state. In New York the people pride themselves upon their Normal Schools and this pride takes the form of substantial encouragement in the shape of state support. In Vermont if any person mentions the Normal Schools it is generally a mistake or to decry their work. Naturally the schools lose caste and become weak. No doubt that some of the criticisms have solid foundation, but it would be a great deal better to knock out the foundation with helping words and legislative enactments, and see if the result would not be encouraging. The great point against the present school law is the heavy tax. It seems possible that some scheme could be inaugurated to equalize this taxation if only a little thought could be put into the subject.

In conversation with teachers, well versed in school needs, all support the present law, as far as its short life can allow of judgment, with a few changes and revisions. The state examination and county supervisor systems are points greatly in its favor.

We do not advocate throwing away the entire law to rid it of a few objectionable points; it would be like jumping from the frying pan into the fire. If we blindly dispense with the present law and place a new one upon our statute books, the likelihood is that some one will get burnt. Our idea of a new school law would be to take the good points in the present law that have stood the test (a short one,) and endeavor to build from them a "perfected perfection," and after we get the "perfection" give it time to prove itself before attempting to overthrow it.

FREE TEXT BOOKS.

A Correspondent Gives a Few Views on the Subject.

To the R. H. S. Notes :

I hear that a bill in favor of free text-books is under consideration at the State Legislature. I leave it to those older and wiser to decide, from a financial point of view, whether or not it would be better for the State to furnish school books ; but I wonder whether those worthy gentlemen at Montpelier have thought of it from the scholar's standpoint.

The feeling that the text-book is one's own adds much to the interest which a scholar feels in a study. The eager desire we sometimes feel to master the contents of a book that belongs to us is a decided contrast to the indifference with which we receive a book which is loaned to us. I know this from experience, and I imagine that to indifference would be added a slight feeling of disgust, if the book had been in use three or four years, and had undergone the addition of finger-marks and the subtraction of leaf corners. Furthermore, nearly all the books used beyond the intermediate grades are indispensable as reference books. For example, what family library is complete without an arithmetic or a book on civil government. By all means let us not have free text-books.

M. L. H.

[A true scholar will endeavor to master the contents of a book in his course of study, taking more interest in the matter inside the book than in the appearance of the book itself. If a book is worn and thumb-marked it has the appearance of having been used for careful and toiling study, and those very thumb marks would be likely to prove an incentive to the scholar to do his best, for "if others have mastered it I can."—ED.]

Literary.

ONE HALLOWEEN.

"THE SCRIBBLER."

Halloween is always given up to young people, and in no other place is it more enjoyed than at "Oaklands," a well-known ladies' school.

One year that the "Scribbler" well remembers, the evening was especially celebrated by a sheet and pillow-case party, or a phantom ball, as some call it. No one can be more perfectly disguised than when enveloped in a trailing sheet, with a pillow-case drawn over the head and face. A long procession of these "sheeted spectres of the night" marched into the gymnasium and up to a table, where a statue of liberty, so called, stood as if carved in marble.

After loudly applauding this surprise, many waltzes were indulged in, when one of the girls, turning towards the door of the room, discovered an ancient mummy leaning against the wall, with a card near it bearing this inscription:—

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The mummy received its share of admiration, and was greeted with laughter; when the wrappings were removed, the pleasant though greatly heated face of the music teacher appeared.

After that masks were removed, and the games commenced. All were intent on watching their walnut-shaped boats on the miniature lake, to see that the light did not go out before the island was reached, the name of which would be the name of the future husband of the anxious watcher, when a little old woman came in and seated herself in the center of the room, and began tapping on the floor with her cane. She called one of the girls to her, and giving her one end of a ball of yarn (I should say the thread of destiny), she directed the fortune seeker to walk slowly around the chair, while repeating these words:

"I wind, I bind,
Hoping to find
The color of his hair;
The state of his mind,
Whether short or tall,
Small or great—
I pray thee, good woman,
To tell me my fate."

Then breaking the thread, and selecting four slips of paper from the witch's box, she read the answers to the questions. So the fun went on till the retiring bell, when all went to their rooms, but some over-anxious ones took their hand-glasses and walked slowly backwards down the side stairs. Whether they found their lovers is not known, but stranger things have happened at Halloween.

A MORNING DRIVE.

B. A. V.

During the last week of my summer vacation, I had the pleasure of passing a few days at Manchester, Vt., and while there I had many a pleasant drive to the neighboring villages.

It was on a very bright and pleasant morning that our party decided to take a drive up "The Green Mountain," from there to Barnumville, and to return home in time for dinner, at one o'clock.

It was about half-past eight when we left Manchester. For the first two or three miles of our drive the land was comparatively level and the roads rather shady. Large quantities of blackberries grew by the roadside, and we very often stopped and gathered large handfuls of the delicious fruit. There had been a very heavy dew the previous night, and the bushes being in secluded places, looked as if a fairy had covered them with many silver beads.

Large forests of maple abound in this section, and after driving for about an hour we came to a sugar-house, situated near the road, and of course we could not pass without examining it. The door was locked, but as several boards at the side were loose, we obtained a very good insight of the building. The floor was of earth, and in the center was a circular arch of brick and marble. The building was of wood, and very old and shaky. The foundation was banked with earth, which at that season of the year was covered with ferns and bushes.

Returning to the carriage, we continued our journey up the mountain. The ascent by the road which we took was very gradual, and before we were hardly aware of the fact we were in full sight of the "Toll Gate." We were not long in reaching the gate itself, and immediately the toll-gatherer appeared on the scene. We informed him that we only wished to pass through the gate in order to turn around, and that we were going up the mountain no farther, consequently we did not have to pay any toll.

Perhaps it would be well for me to stop and speak of the toll-gate. I believe it is the only one remaining in the State. (There is a toll-bridge at Bellows Falls.) This gate is situated between Manchester and Peru, and toll is taken in order to pay for the repairing of the roads above the gate.

The gate-way is a very tall arch or bridge-like structure, built over the road, and connecting on one side with the toll-gatherer's house, while the gate itself is like any large gate.

During the day-time the gate is drawn up above the ground, and fastened by means of a rope, but during the night it is lowered, and people are not able to pass through without first awakening the keeper, and paying the rate of toll. The gate is also made to serve another purpose. If any one attempts to drive through without paying toll, this gate is immediately let down on the horse's neck, and the team is not allowed to pass until the toll has been collected.

One can easily see for himself what he will be obliged to pay by reading the rates of toll, which are painted on a large white board, hanging on the inner side of the archway, and in plain sight of everybody.

After a short stop, we started down the mountain, taking a different road than when we came up.

We informed our driver that we wished him to let the horse run down the mountain, and as the grade was quite steep, we nearly startled the natives as we came flying down.

As we returned we passed through the small village of Barnumville. This village, like many of the smaller towns of our State, is very prettily situated among the old and venerated "Green Mountains." It is a very small town, as would be suggested by the name of one of its principal streets, which is called "Johnny Cake" street. We returned home just in time for dinner, after a most delightful drive.

Notes.

A new bladder and an inflator have been secured for the foot-ball.

James Gilrain, formerly '93, and short stop on the R. H. S. ball nine, who has been seriously ill for some time, is so much improved as to be able to be out.

The first meeting of the O. R. C. C. was held last Saturday at the house of Miss Edith Temple. Of course the club enjoyed itself, and the refreshments were even better than usual.

When a young man, by a simple wave of his hand, can cause a young lady's luxuriant tresses to descend spontaneously, we think it is time that the attraction of mind over matter should be prohibited.

The foot-ball eleven, which was organized last week, is composed of the following players:—Eggleston (captain), Davis, K. Campbell, Clauson, Gilmore, Welch, McClennen, McLaughlin, Bates, Farrell and Tuttle. Positions have not yet been assigned.

The members of the foot-ball team evidently have true instinct of foot-ball players in them. During a recent practice game, two of the team succeeded in fracturing the collar bone of a small boy who was playing on the "scrub" eleven. Let the good work go on.

Notwithstanding vigorous action of the trustees in regard to Halloween sports, Miss Susie Long gave a very enjoyable Halloween party at her home last Friday evening. A special officer, however, patrolled about the house, lest the young ladies should overstep the bounds so clearly defined by the city fathers.

Chewing gum appears to be a fashion that has come upon this earth to stay. Certain it is that the "inferior sex" of the school seem to have taken the contract to continue its existence as long as possible, and do not intend to allow the pastime to become obsolete through want of practice. Better stop it, boys.

The young folks who attended the Halloween party given by Miss Emma Wilcox, '93, report a pleasant time. An investigation into the mysteries of "cabbage-night" jokes and forecasts is always interesting, and doubly so when accompanied by a company of jolly "Young Americas," intent upon extracting the core from the "apple of enjoyment."

We are entirely convinced that there is at least one law-abiding scholar in this school. Last Friday evening one of the boys of '93, engaged in the revels of Halloween, was accosted by a guardian of the peace, and informed that the place for all small boys was at home. Acting upon the suggestion of his informer, he immediately set out for home at the top of speed, nor did he stop to catch his breath or look behind him till he was safely within the walls of his parental abode. Such exemplary conduct should not be passed "unhonored and unsung."

The first debate occurs to-day. The subject of the debate is as follows:—Resolved, That as a means of enlightenment and education, a tour of a foreign country is more beneficial than one in our own country. Affirmative—Gilmore, '92; Burnham, '93. Negative—Campbell, '91; J. Goulding, '92. Each debater will be allowed ten minutes, to be followed by a general debate of ten minutes.

The fact of Rutland having purchased a new street-sweeper brings to mind a conversation said to have taken place in western New York. First speaker (a city magnate): "It has become necessary to purchase a street-sweeper for our city. Can you offer a suggestion?" Second speaker: "I strongly recommend that you get a cyclone, as I see many towns in the West are swept by them." Magnate faints.

Our Alumni.

Jessie Davis, '84, is teaching music in Rutland.

Alice Needham, '86, is assistant librarian in the free library.

Beulah Kelly, '82, now Mrs. Rolley, is living in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Walter Mills, '86, is working for Adams & Bacon, in Middlebury, Vt.

Lizzie Landon, '80, is teaching school on Pine street.

Henry O. Aiken, '83, is principal of the High School in Northfield, Vt.

P. M. Meldon, a well-known lawyer of this town, was a member of the class of '76.

George Farmer, a member of the class of '78, and who is a civil engineer in Topeka, Kansas, is visiting friends in Rutland.

H. R. Dorr, '76, was married on October 28 to Miss Janet Ripley. The ceremony was performed at the house of the bride on West street, and later in the evening a reception was given to their friends. Several of the R. H. S. students attended.

Our Exchange Table.

Hello! What have we here? "The Latin School Review," bringing us matters of school interest from Cambridge, Mass. It is ably conducted, and shows few points for criticism.

"The Cynic" contains an especially fine article upon the funeral of Hon. Frederick Billings, giving the address of President Buckham in full.

"The Lever," published in Colorado Springs, has been fortunate in securing such an article as "Work and Win." The selection contains many nice thoughts, ending with the following quotation:

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IT does take some consciousness of innate worth to put "noblesse oblige" on the cover of one's paper, doesn't it?"—*Cynic.* Yes, it does, and pardon us for giving you a piece of that "consciousness." We have a school which, although not noted for its alumni who have been presidents, is proudly conscious of *not* being a school that has the reputation of producing first rate pugilists in class rows. We have a school that ranks among the first high schools in the State and one that fully believes in trying to live up to its motto's signification: the obligations of true nobleness prevent one taking advantage of the weakness of others.

MUCH obliged! Those new chandeliers give the High School room an air of great respectability. The old expression, "burning the midnight oil" will have to be done away with, but if some of the fellows are not more studious they may be the occasion of the burning of an immense quantity of 12 o'clock gas. Glad to see the work of improving the room go on, and would suggest that those books we asked for in a former issue would be a good mental refreshment to accompany this last well appreciated acquisition.

WE have received a letter from Professor Atwood, a well remembered teacher of our High School, from which we extract:

* * * "My interest in the High School at Rutland is very strong. I am glad to know that the classes are increasing in size and that the school is maintaining its high character." * * * Mr. Atwood sent with his letter a copy of the College paper, the "Straight University Olio." The printing is done entirely by the boys of the Industrial branch of the college. The paper itself is a bright sheet, intensely loyal to its school, and has for its motto: "*Judge us by our works, and not our looks.*" All encouragement should be extended to our Southern brothers and sisters who are so industriously

laboring to make their College as near as possible an exponent of true educational work in the South. We hope soon to hear from Professor Atwood in a letter for publication.

VERMONT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

"And behold the tares grew up and choked it." An old saying but one nicely applicable to the University of Vermont and the Vermont Agricultural College. With all due respect to the U. V. M., we claim, and the claim is well substantiated by facts, that the Agricultural College can never reach the pinnacle of possibility while worked in connection with, and overshadowed by, any large educational institution. A perfect agricultural college has got to have room to grow and expand, and it never will expand in the right direction if it has to push some other institution before it. The fact that Vermont's Agricultural College is not what it should be is beginning to become apparent to even the dullest legislators, and it need not surprise us if there is something done in this session to make our "Farmers' Institution" worthy their pride and patronage.

It has been suggested that Rutland endeavor to have the college located here, and for once in our lives we can agree with the *Rutland Herald* in advocating that suggestion. Rutland is just the place; has exactly the right situation, soil and surroundings, and is admirably suited in all respects to be the seat of what might be a truly great agricultural college. Aside from her nature-given advantages she also has the advantage of having citizens who will enthusiastically labor to make the college something more than a secondary institution. We don't claim for Rutland what the Irishman did for his farm: that it beat everything, because no matter what he planted he always harvested beets. We can't harvest beets from potatoes, but we can, as will soon be shown, "garner in" an exceedingly big and promising agricultural college from a little, well cultivated town pride.

We may safely say, judging from the first meeting, that the High School Debating Club is a success and an assured factor of the school work. The boys showed a decided legislative spirit by getting into a parliamentary tangle at their first debate. Having appointed a committee to decide the debate, they refused to accept the report of that committee and voted to leave the matter to the house. After calmer consideration it appeared that according to the constitution such an act was illegal, and it became necessary to retract all votes and accept the decision of the committee as first reported. In this they got ahead of the congressman of the present, inasmuch as the backward move was made without opposition. In the future it would seem to be better to accept the decision of the judges without question, as their decisions are likely to be more unprejudiced than any judgment of the club as a whole could possibly be. The debates were conducted in an interesting manner by both sides, and the results of the boys' first meeting may well stimulate the girls to organize a similar association. They may be sure that all possible aid will be given them by the boys. If hollering of the school yell description will be of any assistance, the young ladies are assured that the boys will lend voice and heart to the cause of an "Anti-Male Debating Club."

Literary.

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The town, snugly situated in the beautiful valley of the Otter, whose glistening stream is no small addition to her beauty, is well protected from the fierce storms by the mountains, and forms a hub from which pleasant drives radiate in all directions.

But Rutland's scenery does not, by any means, comprise all her advantages. In her marble she has a natural product that places her above all competitors in this country or Europe. No city in the world can boast of such a wealth of marble, whose quality and quantity can vie with Rutland's.

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By her natural advantages she is the pearl of New England. With a little earnest public spirit and work she may be made the gem of New England. It seems a sin not to improve the vast opportunities that have been placed in our hands, a sin for which we alone are accountable. The secret of success lies in all classes working together, laying aside all party differences, only remembering that the object is the improvement of the "Marble City," our Rutland.

LEGEND OF INDIAN SUMMER.

Once upon a time, thousands of moons ago, in a pleasant far-away Indian land, there lived a stern old chief called Indian Winter. This old chief had a very fair daughter, who, as she was loved by her tribe, and carried peace and sunshine wherever she went, came to be known as Indian Summer, and the sunshine flitted along her pathway wherever she happened to stray.

One year when the sun was well on its way to its southern home, and the days had grown cold and dreary, there was brought into the Indian camp a beautiful youth whom the old chief had sentenced to death for no other crime than that of being a "pale face."

So one morning he was led forth to death. The clouds hung low in the sky and the voice of the old chief sounded like the roll of thunder, as he uttered the terrible death warrant and mocked the distress of his fair faced prisoner. At length came the last awful moment and the weapon was raised on high to give the death blow, but suddenly from out the forest came Indian Summer, and running to her father, implored him to spare his fair young victim, and the old man, strangely moved by his daughter's love and tenderness, pardoned the captive and gave him his freedom. And then the breezes carried the news to the sun,

who, pleased with the old chief's goodness, pushed his way through the thick clouds and shone forth with all his warmth and splendor upon the earth; and when Indian Summer saw his face she whispered softly to her father: "See how mamto has smiled." The whole tribe was made glad by this omen of good which they called Indian Summer in honor of the gentle child of the forest. And still after these many years the November sun shines with added brightness on the grave of Indian Summer, the wife of the pale-face, and over the whole world where Indian foot has trodden, giving us Indian Summer. K. V. H.

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I wonder if any of us stop to think what a benefit the Free Library is to us?

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Notes.

"Yep."

"Dandy."

"Plantax."

"Son of Maggie."

"The merry fishpole."

"I'll bid two thousand."

"Let me take your donkey."

"And they were killed again."

"He wasn't a son-in-law, but he hoped to become one."

Mr. Ellsworth spent last Saturday at his home in Whiting, Vt.

The class in English literature is reading Shakespeare's "Macbeth."

His marriage with his wife was his third attempt at a wealthy marriage.

Some of the more musical members are still heard carroling college songs a la Amherst.

Carrie Bailey, '92, has returned to school after spending a few weeks in the West.

Emma Spaulding, formerly a member of the class of '91, is in Kansas for the benefit of her health.

Several of the R. H. S. students participated in the Old Folks concert held in the Town Hall, Nov. 4.

A member of the general history class told of the famous "Macedonian Plantax." We would like to know what it is.

The subject of last Friday's rhetoricals was "Venice." It was an entirely new subject and was much appreciated by the scholars.

Richard Sheldon has returned from a trip to Europe and has joined the class of '94. He enters the High School for Cæsar.

The ice on Tanyard pond is said to be one-third of an inch thick. If the cold weather keeps on we will have skating for Thanksgiving.

The school room has been beautified by the addition of handsome gas fixtures. This is for the benefit of those who have to remain after school.

Miss Grace Potter, '91, and Earl Clauson, '92, left town for a few days to attend the Y. P. S. C. E. convention at St. Johnsbury, Vt.

The dancing class under the direction of Prof. Foley held its first meeting last Friday evening. Many of the R. H. S. scholars attend.

The foot ball team has not played any games this season, and unless they begin soon they will be obliged to play on the ice or snow. A tumble on either would not be delightful.

The High School A class has not decided upon their motto yet, and very little interest seems to be shown. The whole class should look for mottos, and very likely they would find one.

Walter Granger, formerly of '92, is in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, studying taxidermy under the direction of Prof. Richardson.

E. W. Morgan, formerly a member of the R. H. S. Quartette, is in the census office. He also studies law. By the way, where is the quartette which was formed this year? We have heard nothing from it.

W. Sterl and O. White attended the singers' convention at Burlington last week with the Episcopal boy choir, of which they are members. The report of the convention in the Rutland Herald speaks in the highest terms of White's solo, rendered during the convention.

As expressed by Mr. Ellsworth, it is hoped that the young ladies of the R. H. S. will make an effort to gain the $200 scholarship in Vassar College, which is offered by the Vassar Students' Aid Society. The examinations are to be held in Boston next June.

Our Alumni.

Miss W. P. Jones, the well known contralto singer of Rutland, was a member of the class of '82.

A. O. Cunningham, '65, is proprietor of a clothing store in this town.

Henry Pierce, '85, is telegraph operator for D. & H. R. R.

Fred Cheney, '80, is an optician in Boston.

Gertrude Jenness, '77, is teaching music in Rutland.

Henry Cheney, a well-known gentleman in Rutland, graduated in the class of '58.

W. C. Jenne, '89, has a very good position in an insurance office in North Adams, Mass.

R. H. S. D. C.

The first debate of the R. H. S. D. C. was held on Friday, Nov. 7, immediately after the afternoon session of school. Before opening the debate Mr. Poronto read a highly interesting and instructive paper upon "Parliamentary Usages," for which he was extended a unanimous vote of thanks. The debate was then opened.

Mr. Gilmore, as first affirmative, took up the question as regards the education to be derived from a foreign tour. He spoke of the better facilities afforded by the educational institutions of Europe and the greater attractions offered by places of historical interest.

Mr. Campbell, for the negative, dwelt upon the fact that America was

for Americans, and that a knowledge of our own country was of far more importance than of any other country.

Mr. Burnham, the second affirmative, gave examples of benefits derived from foreign tours, bringing in the case of Mr. Wilson, who has gone to Germany to finish his studies, after having graduated at one of America's finest educational institutions.

Mr. Goulding, second negative, took up the national attractions of America in comparison with Europe, giving as examples Niagara and Yosemite park. He, too, emphasized the advantage of a thorough knowledge of one's own country.

This finishing the first round, Mr. Gilmore and Mr. Campbell, principals on each side, were allowed five minutes each to answer any arguments which they saw fit. After this the committee, consisting of Wooster, Welch, Eggleston, Bates and Russell, retired, and after a few minutes brought in a report of three for affirmative and two for the negative.

The next debate will be held Nov. 25. Subject: Resolved, that the telegraph and railroad systems of the United States should be under the control of the Government. Affirmative: Clauson and Russell. Negative: Stewart and Lewis.

THE FIRST SOCIABLE.

The A's held the first of their intended series of sociables at the residence of Miss Sterl, on West street, Nov. 8. The evening was passed in games and conversation, and every moment was a "season of unalloyed pleasure." At midnight the party disbanded, after extending a vote of thanks to their kind entertainers. The next sociable will probably be held with Mr. Wooster, Church street, next week.

OUR EXCHANGE TABLE.

Like Grandma's old crazy patchwork our exchange table is in variety, color and worth of its contents. Some exchanges are good, and some not as good, but taken as a whole they present a pleasing array of amateur journalistic efforts. We have always looked forward to the arrival of the *Washington Review* with pleasant anticipations and rarely are we disappointed. We have a high estimate of its ability as a critic, but venture to suggest that some of its last criticisms are undeserved.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Vol. II., No. 1, of the *High School Reflector*, which is always bright and interesting.

A new exchange, *Plain Talk*, published in New York, is heartily received.

Like a whiff of old Oregon air comes the *Willamette Collegian*, making us almost wish Rutland were on the Western coast.

The first number of this year's *Adelphian* presents itself with a nice article upon "Our Language Inheritance."

With a new cover the *Vidette* looks neater and is more in harmony with its contents.

Davenport, Iowa, *School Life* presents a first number that is really No. 1.

A pretty paper that "Academy Student," from St. Johnsbury.

The Rugbian is well balanced and contains a well assorted collection of articles of local interest.

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EXTENDING a "Merry Christmas," in this our holiday number, we editors descend from our literary throne, put on the garb of the commons and retire into the "sanctum sanctorum" of Christmas revelry until after jolly '92 has played his overture in "A year's opera," and we get our "cue" from the great controller of events. While grasping your hand in Xmas greeting, let us whisper in your ear: Turn over the traditional "new leaf" with resolves to study harder, be more loyal to teachers and school, and not to chew gum nor pass notes. With heads filled with determination to do and dare; with hands unsoiled by careless deeds, and with hearts truly loyal to good works, we will enter the school-room in 1891 pleased with ourselves and others. To the seniors who are to depart this best part of young life before another New Year comes round, this entrance will be one of sorrow and forecasts, but they will remember that this school life is but a preparatory course to better and grander things in the future. The teachers noting new resolutions stamped on the brows of youthful students will be disposed to dispense with black marks and discouraged feelings, knowing that at last the R. H. S. has decided to live upon honor, and be a school controlled by a government of the scholars, for the scholars and by the scholars. The pride of the students in their school should increase until it will be an impossibility for the unthinking or mischievous boy or girl to make disturbance without receiving scorn and cold shoulders from fair minded and progressive students. We began our article by wishing you a "Merry Christmas," we end with hoping for you a "Jolly New Year."

We don't like to make suggestions that are not acted upon or at least considered, but a broad hint to the effect that although an editor's brain may become warm through activity or in heated discussions, it does not generate heat enough to raise the thermometer in the sanctum a proper height to denote that the coldness of Vermont air has vanished sufficiently to allow us to work in its blissful atmosphere without a certainty that we will catch a cold or a cold will catch us, is not, we hope, out of place. A radiator could be put in at a small expense, and the editors' hearts would unite in one glad thanksgiving anthem of praise to the Board of Education.

The farmers have had the pleasant(?) Thanksgiving experience of passing in their plates to be filled with Agricultural College fowl and of being refused their own turkey by the powers that *be*. Two years hence the farmers will wield the carving knife themselves and capture the turkey, dressing and all, at the same time taking care that the present legislators who have stood out in opposition to a proper reform will have the pleasure of shedding tears of sorrow in the past tense. It is a fact that different people have a knack of looking at this question through different glasses, but Rutland claims that her spectacles are as clear as they make them, and she can plainly see that the Legislature of '90 has made a mistake of which it will be plainly aware in 1892. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," and by '92 Rutland will have developed such a growth of agricultural enthusiasm that she can offer $100,000 toward the establishment of an Agricultural College, and the U. V. M. will find that it has gotten upon the windy side of the ash pile of public opinion.

"Spy you a penny," five cent piece or a ten, that has an untold desire to leave its happy abode in your pocket and enter that blissful paradise of all good coins, the sculptor's purse? This is an appeal that savors strongly of roasted chestnuts, but is nevertheless in this case well pleaded for a worthy object: the erection of a colossal statue of Washington in the city of Paris. The gift of such a monument would be no more than a small acknowledgment to the French nation of our splendid "Liberty" which we received from her. An association has been formed, with some of the most prominent ladies in the country at its head, to forward the undertaking. As yet, Vermont has not been heard from in the scheme, but a desire is expressed by the ladies that the "Green Mountain" students help the work along, and The Notes suggests that the R. H. S. set an example to other Vermont schools by raising a small contribution.

We doff our hats as a token of our respect to that "Grand Old Man," Mr. Gladstone, who has the moral courage to stand up for what he considers right in this latest phase of the Irish question. His manifesto of the Liberal situation is a "treasure chest" of plain truth and is beginning to receive proper recognition from Irish patriots. Mr. Parnell has helped the Irish cause in the past, but his late conduct bids fair to tip the balance on the side of permanent injury. The present situation appears to be the crisis in Irish affairs. If the Irish party staunchly support Mr. Gladstone's position, they will have taken a step from which they can hope to reach success; but if they are so childish as to be unable to lay aside party differences and puerile quarrels, they will fall back half a century. Mr. Parnell is censured for his obstinacy in giving up his position, but he has only illustrated a very natural side of human nature. Americans always sympathize with any attempt to obtain liberty, but they are a people that are easily disgusted by petty quarrels and personal ambitions when they come in opposition to national progress. To retain America's sympathy Ireland has got to play her cards very carefully, taking care to place the helm of her public affairs in the hands of men with whom their country's good entirely overshadows personal motives.

The Editorial Chair rises to remark that it feels better. Two weeks vacation, where the common mortals had only three days, has stimulated our brain, given a new impetus to our thoughts and made us feel as if we could move the world. These favored personages (the editors) who get a double share of the world's goods, really deserve this boon for doing a double share of the world's work. We claim that we receive a double share of most of the world's goods, but a line needs to be drawn at Christmas dinners, and we loudly protest our inability to "get outside" of as much turkey as the easy-going, unsuspicious appearing "plebian" freshman who seems to live up to the motto:

> Big eat and a frisky brain
> Lead a man to death or fame.

As sage is a necessity of a Christmas dinner, so is humorousness the spice of a Christmas editorial; but turning to more sober subjects, a perusal of our Business Manager's wail, which follows, will be a recreation and change to you and may also bring in some change to him.

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Literary.

LIFE IN A GERMAN VILLAGE.

BY PROFESSOR WILSON.

Picture to yourself a group of dark roofed buildings with here and there a stork's nest upon a chimney, with perhaps two church spires towering above the other pointed roofs, with open fields all around, a large forest at a little distance, and you have a fair idea of a German village as seen from a neighboring hill. A nearer approach will reveal other features which are unlike those of most of our New England villages. There are two main streets carefully kept and graded, which cross each other at right angles. The houses are built close up to the street, and if there are sidewalks, they are very narrow. The pleasant front yards of our villages are nowhere seen. If any family possesses a flower garden it is shut in from the view of the passer by, generally by a high, unsightly wall. This gives the village a crowded appearance, indeed the houses and barns are as close together as possible in order to leave a larger area of ground for cultivation. The farm-houses are not scattered along the road in the independent and picturesque manner in which Vermont farm-houses are. After leaving the village limits the next house you will find will be in the next village. The fields of the different farmers are not generally large, but under a high state of cultivation and as there are no fences or walls the

plains look like a huge checker-board with squares of different colored grains.

In even a small village there is at least two deliveries of the mail each day, a policeman, (though he does not seem to be of much use), a village crier, who proclaims auctions, posts notices of other important village events and is supposed to be generally prepared to give the villagers the necessary public notifications in times of war and peace.

In a village of this kind the women and children work in the fields with the men, and during the day the streets are very still. Often, too, the villagers work till late in the evening and always begin early in the morning.

Should you be awakened by the blowing of a bugle early in the morning and think that some of the old knights, who once inhabited the ruined castle half way up the neighboring hill, had returned to visit the scenes once familiar, you would probably be mistaken. Upon looking out the window you would see that it was a boy who sounded the horn and that his purpose was to notify the farmers that he was gathering the geese together in order to drive them to their enclosed pond where they spent the day. Just at dusk the gate is opened and the geese flock out and in a long, white procession march home. They need no guide but turn into their respective yards until the procession dwindles down to a single detachment of those who live farthest from the pond.

At the close of the harvest there is usually a feast, and one of the closing exercises is the burying of the "Kuchen." Now, "Kuchen" is not cake, and it is not pie, but, at the same time, it has characteristics of both—but the varieties are so numerous that it would be necessary to write a cook-book in order to describe them, and the R. H. S. NOTES has not, thus far, a department devoted to cooking. This article of food, "Kuchen," made of flour and other materials, (any of the girls can tell you what the others are) is one of the important features of the feast, somewhat as ice cream and cake in an American feast. A piece of "Kuchen" and a large glass of beer are carried in front of a procession which is escorted by the village band. When this procession arrives at the village square a piece of sod is removed, a hole dug, the "Kuchen" put in the hole, the beer poured over it, the dirt and sod replaced, the band strikes up a lively air, the young men choose their partners and dance the sod into place. The procession then reforms, marches back to the village hall, where dancing is indulged in till the village bell at eleven o'clock proclaims that it is time all good people were at home, and by its furious ringing for ten minutes or longer, wakes those who have already blown out the familiar German candle and were fast asleep under the oft mentioned German feather bed.

ONE CHRISTMAS.

If we can believe historical story, one thousand and ninety years ago next Christmas was a day of eventful moment to the principal actor in the grand battle-plays that occupied the attention of the people, from the proudest knight to the lowest serf, in the then known world—Charlemagne.

As he was praying (for the conqueror of the "Dark Ages" was a christian) in thechurch of St. Peter, at Rome, the Pope placed upon his head the crown of the Cæsars, saluting him as "Charles Augustus, crowned of God, great and peace-giving Emperor of the Romans."

How grand and impressive a coronation and yet how simple. Surrounded by great knights and fair ladies we can imagine that one tall figure, standing out in bold relief from the rich throng which surrounds him, as the very impersonation of a great man and a noble Emperor. Dressed in his short, many colored German coat, covering an under dress of linen with frock-like garment bordered with silk, and, thrown over his shoulders, a simple cloak trimmed with Venetian furs, he is the perfect model of simplicity. Stretching our imagination still further we see, in our mind's eye, the vast crowd pouring out of Rome's grand old church, the knights with the chivalrous courtesy of true chivalry helping their ladies to their horses before vaulting upon their own chargers. What a display of arms. What a dazzling array of mailed horsemen attends the great sovereign as he rides in the center of their ranks to his palace, probably some residence of the ancient Cæsars.

Then after dinner, for we judge that Charlemagne was, with all his natural greatness, human and needed physical as well as mental refreshment, we can imagine one of those chivalric tournaments, which have made the name of Charlemagne a talisman to literature, indulged in, as a little exercise and recreation, by those knights whose names are familiar housewords to all readers of Kingsley's tales. Orlando, Charlemagne's dearest nephew; Rinaldo; Namo, Duke of Bavaria; Salomon, King of Brittany; and Ogier, the Dane, are all there. Presumably the assemblage is thrilled with a tilt between Orlando and Rinaldo, seated on his famous charger, Bayard. Now the people rise en masse in their excitement as charging at full speed from either end of the lists the noble knights meet with terrific force, splinter their lances and withdraw for another charge, or perhaps one illustrious paladin is unhorsed and a fierce battle with swords ensues until we see one carried from the field fainting from loss of blood; or possibly it is a general charge of many knights that holds the attention of that fight-loving multitude, continuing until one side is completely vanquished, the contestants all killed or dying.

Night draws on and the careful Charlemagne breaks up the tourney by riding off, leaving the serfs and vassals to collect and care for the shattered armor and more shattered knights before it becomes dark, while he again betakes himself to his "Dark Age" palace and his supper.

In the evening we can imagine our great ancestor seated cross-legged on the ground, which is covered with eastern robes, and listening to the reading of some especially nice bit of early literature ere he says his prayers and retires to his kingly couch to rest his weary crowned head.

What a contrast that "George Washington" of the ninth century presented on that far-away Christmas day, to the purse-proud, big-headed aristocrats of the present. A conqueror, but a christian; a king in fact, but a humble citizen in appearance; a rich man in worldly goods, but poor in displaying his wealth, Charlemagne sets a mark for vain-hearted nineteenth century people to reach on Christmas day 1890.

A DREAM.

I had been studying Cæsar, and as I sit alone in the darkness—the lamp having burned itself out—I am aware of three sensations, two of the body, one of the mind. The first is that my feet are uncomfortably warm on the

hearth where I have placed them ; the second, that my nose itches, and the last, the *sententia animæ*, a sort of vague and melancholy longing for something, I hardly know what it is, but which I am sure is unattainable.

As I transfer my feet from the hearth to a chair and scratch my nose reflectively, my mind wanders from *devitiacus multis cum lacrimis* to a faraway and sunny land, the land of my dreams and anticipations. It is the land, the journey to which I have looked forward to for so many years, and to which, I have no doubt, I shall travel in years to come. It is South America, the land of mythical Aztec treasures and huge serpents, the land made famous by Waterton, Agassiz and others.

Let me draw to you the picture that comes before my mind's eye. It is noon. The tropical sun is beating down with unsurpassed intensity upon the primeval forest, but not a ray reaches the two figures seated on the roots of a tree, larger than any of California's boasted monarchs. In the figures you will perhaps recognize myself and companion. We have traveled a long distance since daybreak and are loaded with birds of beautiful and varied plumage,—for we are employed by the Smithsonian Institution to travel through this continent making collections of various things in the interests of science.

While eating our dinner of fruit and cocoa, our talk turns to our home and the R. H. S. Memories of our teachers and schoolmates rush to our minds and we wonder upon the widely scattered positions which they hold in the world.

> "All are scattered now and fled,
> Some are married, some are dead."

None are farther from the scenes of their youthful days than ourselves. And as we think of these things a great feeling of homesickness comes over us.

But just then I awake to the consciousness of cold toes and an unlearned Latin lesson, and leaving South America, I journeyed to the land of reality.

A GIRLS' DEBATING CLUB.

EDITOR R. H. S. NOTES :

It has been proposed that a literary society and debating club be organized among the young ladies of the school. It seems to me quite advisable that this prove more than a mere proposition, and I hope action will be soon taken to bring about such a society. Certainly the boys are not the only ones to whom debates are beneficial and agreeable. I hope all the young ladies will earnestly consider this matter and be ready to act when it is brought up for discussion and action.

ONE OF THE YOUNG LADIES.

[Our views on this subject exactly agree with those of our correspondent. We always gave the girls credit for being energetic and progressive creatures who do not propose to take the back seat in anybody's wagon, and if a Girls' Debating Club is not a reality before the next issue of the NOTES, we will lay aside all claim to being a judge of human nature.—ED.]

ANOTHER.

THE second sociable of the A class was held at the home of Richard Wooster, on Church street, Tuesday evening, Nov. 25. Seventeen members were present. The evening was delightfully passed in various amusements, and after extending a vote of thanks to "mine host" Wooster, the young people dispersed at a seasonable hour.

Notes.

Bangs.

Squaw men.

I skool's Hotel.

"Not a single d——."

Have you been initiated?

Please may the "team be sturned on ?"

Skating gave way to coasting for a short time last week.

But the girls got a "Bob" and went coasting.

A bright (?) "A" put interregnum as a king of Spain. It must have been a queer reign.

One of Willie's.—Miss Kelley: "What kind of work does light perform ?" Willie: "Light work."

R. C. Gilmore, '92, spent Thanksgiving in New York and witnessed the Yale-Princeton foot ball match.

The A's yell. Rah! Rah! Rah! Johnny, get your gun. Three cheers and a tiger for the class of '91.

Miss Mabel Curtis, who recited General History with the B's, has decided not to return to school this year.

L. E. Campbell and J. P. Sawyer of the NOTES spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Providence, R. I.

Mr. F. D. Steele of New York, formerly '91, expects to pass the holidays in Rutland.

Mr. Wardwell gave a very instructive series of experiments before the class in Physics, Friday, Dec. 5.

Miss Helen Silliman, '92, one of the editors of the NOTES, has returned to school after a short absence on account of illness.

The Latin beginners of the class of '94 have decreased in such a noticeable way that there promises to be but very few at the end of the year.

Quite a number of the boys are members of the new male glee-club which has recently been formed. Mr. Spaulding is the pianist of the club.

It is understood that the orchestra are rehearsing several pieces to be rendered at the High School Musical next spring.

Mr. W. B. Baldwin, formerly '91, and editor-in-chief of the NOTES last year, spent Thanksgiving week in New York.

L. H. Stewart, '91, was elected vice-president of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church. Let all extend their congratulations.

Mr. Fred Bucklin, one of the departed heroes of '92, returned from Mt. Hermon Academy Wednesday, for the holidays.

The readers of the NOTES may live in anticipation of soon having an article from Mr. E. L. Temple. It will probably be upon the "Shakespeare-Bacon controversy."

Miss Emma Wilcox has been obliged to partially suspend her school work on account of illness. She hopes to be able to resume her studies next term.

Prof. G. G. Wilson, our former principal, has announced his intention, in a letter to one of the High School pupils, of returning to Rutland in time for graduation exercises.

The High School Quartette seems to be at last an organization of the present. The members are in active practice, and the school may expect to hear from them in "musical numbers" ere long.

Several colors have been suggested as emblems of the A class. The favorite ones seem to be yellow and white, or blue. A class meeting will probably be called soon to decide which it is to be.

Shakespeare's Macbeth, as revised by a member of the Literature class, appears as follows: "Padlock calls anon."

The skating on tanyard was fine during our three days' vacation, and it was fully appreciated by the young people of the R. H. S., judging from the large number who took advantage of it.

The new gas fixtures which adorn the school room have been used almost every afternoon. They are a great addition to the room and of benefit to those "miserable wretches" who attend Mr. Ellsworth's Friday receptions.

There has been a great deal of debating among the boys in regard to next debate. The subject is that Lee was an abler general than Grant. Both sides have many adherents, and when the debate comes off it promises to be a very lively one.

Spelling reform is being strongly agitated by the learned at present, and the *High School Journal* presents a pretty good article as an illustration:

"There once was a yung maid of Worcester,
Who wanted to kill a roocester;
The bird took a tree—
Immediatlee;
The maid got a small boy to borcestor.

G. & C. Merriam's new edition of Webster's International Dictionary is an excellent piece of typographical work. It is a valuable addition to the literature of lexicography and shows a great contrast to the old "original" Webster edition which has drugged the market for many years.

The following is reported as a fact from one of the lower schools: History Teacher—"Did Columbus know that he had discovered a new continent?" Class—"No, he thought it was India." Teacher—"Correct. Why did he think he had found India?" Bright boy—"'Cause the inhabitants were Indians."

Representatives of the NOTES have several times been questioned by outsiders as to the possibility of any person not a member of the Debating Club attending the debates. Of course there was but one answer to return, but this inquisitiveness shows an interest among the friends of the school which is highly pleasing.

One of our brightest exchanges, the *High School Herald*, is following in the wake of many metropolitan papers and contains a voting contest for the most popular young lady in school. Many young ladies in the R. H. S. have expressed their most candid opinions in regard to the matter, and we should judge that such a contest would be most unfavorably received in this school.

Several members of the R. H. S. have formed a skating club known as the Pastime Club, and they expect to have many good times on the ice this winter. Several former scholars of the High School are also members. The officers are as follows: President, Mr. James Sawyer, '92; Vice-President, Miss Cassie Willis, '92; Secretary, Miss Bessie Norton, '92; Treasurer, Mr. Horace Otis.

Our Alumni.

'57—The President of the Board of Education, Mr. E. L. Temple, had the honor of attending the Rutland schools in '57.

'57—Our respected publisher, Mr. H. C. Tuttle, was a member of the class of '57.

'57—Geo. C. Thrall is a member of the official board of the Methodist church and carries on a farm in the northern part of the village.

'57—Geo. H. Verder is a retired gentleman of our city.

'62—Stephen Mead lives on the road to Proctor.

'64—Kingsley K. Hannum is chief of the fire department in this, our city.

'65—Frederick Gay is a member of the firm of Davis & Gay.

'66—Dan D. Burditt is one of the partners in the firm of Burditt Bros., wholesale grain dealers of Rutland.

'70—Charles W. Mussey is cashier in the Merchants National Bank.

'70—Warren Ross is proprietor of the Merchants Row Shoe Store.

'71—Fred Smith is one of the partners of the firm of J. W. Cramton & Co.

'75—Frank P. Robinson is bookkeeper for Samuel Willson in the D. & H. coal department.

'75—Frank Bragg is in Marshall Bros.' jewelry store.

'77—Miss Hattie M. Dunton, now Mrs. Lou Burton, lives in Rutland and resides on State street.

'78—Miss Mary E. Fox is now Mrs. Herman Vaughn, and resides in Brooklyn.

'79—Kirby W. Smith, Ph. D., is Professor of Languages in Johns Hopkins University.

'82—Miss Carrie Otis, now Mrs. T. D. Shaw, resides on Extension of Washington street.

'84—Miss Delia Welch is the bookkeeper in her father's coal office.

'84—Miss Rosa Carrigan is teaching in the High School and has charge of the Intermediate A class.

'84—Miss Emma Pierce is teaching school in Bennington.

'84—Seymour Edgerton is studying law in Chicago. He graduated at Middlebury college in the class of '88.

'84—Guy Smith now holds a responsible position as book-keeper in the Merchants National Bank.

'85—Seymour Billings is a member of the firm of Pierce & Billings, on Center street.

'83—Miss Etta Terrill is now Mrs. Curtis, and resides in Rutland.

'88—Miss Florence Wood is visiting in New Hampshire.

'89—Miss Fanny Pierce has returned home for the Thanksgiving vacation.

R. H. S. D. C.

DEBATE THE SECOND.

The second meeting of the R. H. S. D. C. showed no backward tendency, while on the contrary a spirit of enthusiasm and loyalty seemed prevalent. The debates were conducted in a manner that would do credit to legislators of the "first water." It was encouraging to note the growing interest which the club, as a whole, manifested in the debate, and the outlook is extremely promising for rich interchanges of oratorical courtesies in the future.

The subject of the debate was: Resolved, that the telegraph and railroad systems of the United States should be under government control. The debaters seeming to prefer the railroad side of the question as a basis of their remarks.

Clauson, on the behalf of the affirmative, opened the debate by claiming that government control of the railroads meant greater safety to travelers, more regularity in the movement of trains and a smaller number of strikes. He spoke of the advantages secured in the government having control of the systems in time of war, ending with the statement that the power of the great capitalists and trusts would be broken if the government had complete control.

Stewart, for the negative, brought up the condition of the English and French roads, laying especial stress

upon the decision of an English committee against government control. He said that if, as it is proved, two-fifths of the voters of the United States are railroad men, they would be likely to exert a controlling influence upon elections, and their votes would be cast for the party in power.

Russell's, second affirmative, strongest argument was, that if the government had control it would be likely to expend the profits of the roads in their improvement instead of putting them into their treasury.

Lewis, second negative, knocked out Russell's statement that frequent changes of the employes would not be likely under government control, and the debate closed after allowing each principal the five minute answer limit.

While awaiting the decision of the judges, Sheldon, Goulding, Farrell, Dunton and McDonough, Mr. Ellsworth gave the club a few points on parliamentary procedure and made it a present of a book of parliamentary law.

After a stormy meeting the judges came in and gave a verdict of three for negative and two affirmative.

The next debate will be held Dec. 18th. Subject: Resolved, that Lee was a more able general than Grant.

XMAS EXCHANGE GREETINGS.

"Cris'mas Present, Missa," as the darkey says in his holiday greeting. So say we to our fellow editors and contemporaries; and we will add "A prosperous New Year."

Some, we hope all, of our exchanges can look forward to 1891 as a year in which they are resolved to excel past efforts and endeavor to attain perfection in their respective spheres. If here is any department of a school paper that needs to make new resolutions, it is the exchange department. New resolutions, to criticise fairly and without prejudice; to take criticisms with good natured efforts to improve criticised points and to read thoroughly every exchange with the idea of taking the good points to use in building its own paper and to give the results of its reading to the public in straight, truthful articles. Not all of our exchanges have, as yet, made their appearance in Christmas dress, but they are fast being dropped from the mail carrier's bag onto our table until we begin to feel like Christopher Sly, viz.: slightly muddled. When we received the *Dartmouth Literary Monthly* we seated ourselves for a half-hour's pure enjoyment. There is not an exchange received by us that shows such a wealth of amateur literature. One article that is of especial interest to Rutlanders is "The Life of John Ledyard," written by C. M. Smith of West Rutland, who is one of the editors of the periodical. "Popular Greek Views of a Future Life," is another commendable composition, and these in connection with "Common places of a Kyoto Ramble" and well selected poetic effusions comprise a model "College Lit."

The November number of the *Rugbian* contains a continuation of "Adventures of a Monad," which, although written in an interesting and fascinating manner, is strongly flavored with "Jules Verne's" style.

Always bright, interesting and instructive, the *High School Bulletin* easily takes rank among our best exchanges. The latest edition contains a well written "Thanksgiving Story." We admire the exchange editor's style of criticism, not blunt and offensive, but delicately presented.

Many others deserve notice, but space forbids.

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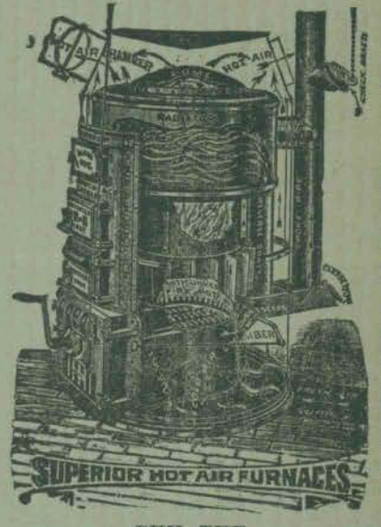

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IT is with regret that we chronicle the loss of another string in our editorial harp. James P. Sawyer has seen fit to depart this portion of the terrestrial sphere to "broader lands and sunnier skies," but he may rest assured that the best wishes of the R. H. S. NOTES go with him, and the school bids "God speed" to a faithful worker.

WITHOUT HASTE, WITHOUT REST, beams down upon the school in somber colors like a harbinger of the future, warning the scholars in general and the "A's" in particular, to study with understanding and slowness, but unceasingly. We feel no doubt that the "A's" will endeavor to follow their motto (especially at the dinner table will the last part be applicable,) and when their school life is ended apply its precepts to every day work. If you don't at first succeed in living up to its rule you may at least try again. Not like the man in the story that struck at a fly and (as men always do) missed it, who said he'd strike again and hit that fly in the same place, but always endeavoring to hit in different places until you have struck right under the motto and then stay there. There is an old proverb that might well be quoted in connection with the first part of our motto, "Haste makes waste." Let us make haste slowly, always sure that we are upon the right track before we blow the whistle and commence our journey. And when once the wheels have commenced to revolve keep the machinery of motion well oiled, that it may work without rest until Father Time with his cold sickle shall garner in the engineer and arrest the progress of our life, giving us rest indeed.

A SUBJECT that has recently been much discussed among the "A" class is the idea of having all the eligible members of the class take part in commencement exercises. The class seems to unanimously favor the plan, and while all express their approval,

not one is heard to speak against it. There are several reasons that seem to point to the well taken grounds for the proposition. In the first place, the class contains several members that have not taken the full course, and while outwardly the class seems to be a large one, the fact is that there is but a small majority who will be able to graduate and receive diplomas; secondly, if, from this small number of eligible graduates ten be taken, there will be but three left. And these three will be placed in a rather embarrassing position. It is impossible to crowd eighteen scholars into ten places, and we can't all be among the first ten. It sometimes happens that the most studious scholar will, through the imperfections in the marking system, be placed in a lower position than his real knowledge of the study would entitle him. This matter was voted upon at a recent meeting of the A class, and it was decided to present it to the authorities in the hope that the petition might be granted. We trust that it will at least make more impression than several requests in the NOTES seem to have done.

We would probably be considered altogether out of style if we didn't present at least one article upon this latest Indian "Whoop-a-la-whoop." The progressive (inasmuch as he has learned to sit beside the campfire and do the shouting while his "squaw" does the work) red man and the Indian agent present a rather animated picture of the donkey and the overturned bee-hive. It does not take much crowding to get the average bee at work, and it doesn't take much cheating to get the noble red man to waltzing and shouting "war-whoops." And as for the resemblance between the $1,500 government agent and the common, every-day, long-eared quadruped, it is too plain to need explanation. About once in so often we have an Indian war, by which a few enterprising undertakers and coffin manufacturers make handsome fortunes, the newspapers have a chance to serve up the same news on the same subject, in varied dishes and a few Indians are killed. Probably the newspapers and undertakers will always be upon deck, but the poor Indian must inevitably go. Anyway he has a hard time of it between thieving agents and a just government sandwiched with U. S. troops. The question staring us in the face to-day is, what shall we fight against when the useful Indian has departed to the "happy hunting grounds?" The answer is doubtful, unless Edson can be persuaded to dress up a couple of thousand of those talking dolls as Indians, and send them out West to pose as military targets for the glory-thirsty soldier.

The recent sliding accident affords an excellent opportunity for those "Think I'm right" folks, who seem to decry all outdoor sports as barbarous, to lift their hands in "I told you so" style and emphasizes the fact that "Gouger Hill" is not safe in its present condition. Aside from the natural deductions from the accident it may be well to express a hope that the authorities will look upon the catastrophe in the light of a persistent plea that will plainly show them the need of giving the boys one hill in Rutland upon which to enjoy their sports, and by forbidding teams upon it, thereby render it comparatively safe. How would Kendall avenue do?

Mr. Ellsworth's Friday receptions have been discontinued, to the great relief of certain pupils.

Literary.

A REMEMBERING TEACHER.

NORTHFIELD, VT., Jan. 5, 1891.

To the R. H. S. Notes.

DEAR EDITORS:—I am glad of the opportunity to write you a letter as a "former professor" of old R. H. S., even though the lateness of my reply fails to indicate it. The heading of your paper with its three suggestive initials sounds pleasant to my ears and brings back to mind very pleasant memories of two years spent as a pupil in the school under the instruction of the now honored president of Straight University. A mere entrance to the old room and glance at my class motto "*nulla præstantia sine labore*," brings up like a flood the old faces and memories of the daily enjoyment of hard work that used to come there.

The names of the editors suggest another pleasant current of memory, that of an A grammar class making its appearance in the High School, one fall morning, the first A grammar class to enter upon that privilege; memories of meeting that class twice every day in civil government and book-keeping and then a blank——

Is it possible that that same A grammar class are to take leave of the old room in this new year of 1891, and add itself to the already large list of its alumni? Nothing but a careful mathematical calculation of dates can demonstrate the truth of that idea to our mind. A perusal of your paper and of the last school manual, the notice of a debating club in full blast, *et cetera*, show plain evidence of progress since our day. This is gratifying and interesting because not due to the teachers and school management alone but in a large measure to the scholars, the school *incolæ*, themselves. We little realize, perhaps, till we have left school and look at it from another standpoint, how much the good name and real success of a school depends upon ourselves, the pupils. We scholars are not a machine to be filled and pumped again by the teachers and then sent out into the wide world when our meters indicate the required gage or standard of filling. We are a living body which by its own efforts, following the directions of others, the head, builds up itself for greater usefulness and at the same time makes the way better and easier for progress to the classes which are to follow.

May this ever be old R. H. S.'s way in the future as it has been in the past.

In a letter one is supposed to write about himself or his surroundings, hence we shall do the latter.

When we dwelt in Rutland, we used to hear about the "over the mountain" folks and events. Now we have a chance to see them face to face. Personally now we test those famous snow drifts, those tremendous drops of the mercury—in person now we occasionally converse with some of those reputed "way backs" from "over the mountain." But now we are here, Rutland and other towns are "over the mountain" to us and we sometimes hear remarks made of that part of Vermont dear to us which cause us at first to feel pugilistically inclined, but a second thought leads us to conclude that human nature is much the same on either side and that much is said in this world that has little real intent or meaning in it.

Northfield, Vt., according to a former professor of Norwich University situated here, is the geographical center of Vermont. They say he found this fact out by making an accurate outline map of Vermont of zinc, and then finding the centre of gravity by the string

method you have learned in physics. One citizen informed me that the lines drawn from the corners of the State intersected in his neighbor's pasture on a side hill near by! Northfield has some good facilities for slate quarries, and might be famous for furnishing both roofing and flagging slate if she had the capital behind her to work them well. Three quarries are to be seen on the eastern hill side, and two are hidden from view; all are deserted and have been for several years.

A quarry of whetstone material, some of it containing striking specimens of iron pyrites, has been worked till recently.

On one of its hillsides is a boulder of Scotch granite which has no counterpart bed of rock this side of Scotland. The alien boulder is supposed to have made a voyage from Scotland on an iceberg once upon a time. In these and many other ways the town is interesting geologically.

Since the Central Vt. R. R. headquarters were moved from the town to St. Albans there has been less life and vigor in the place. An excelsior mill and granite working shops are among the main industries. Northfield Falls has some thriving woolen mills.

Norwich University, the military school of the State, furnishes good advantages for a college scientific course. The village graded school with 50 scholars in the high school, over which we preside, completes the educational advantages of the place.

With best wishes for 1891, we remain

Yours sincerely,

HENRY O. AIKEN.

A SUGGESTION.

As we all believe, our school is one of the best if not the best in the State, and yet we cannot claim that it has arrived at actual perfection. A certain habit which is at least open to criticism in the matter of good manners, has a large number of devoted followers. To be sure, this is an age which does well to encourage athletics of every form and degree of benefit. But do the jaws of the pupils of the R. H. S require more exercise than is furnished by three square meals per day? But if more is required why not adopt the plan suggested by a teacher of a former generation to her pupils, to chew seated before a mirror? Two good results might be expected to come from the practice: 1st, the extra exercise would be secured and, 2d, an object lesson would be learned not soon to be forgotten. It is not always pleasant to see ourselves as others see us, but it is often beneficial.

Of course, fresh spruce gum is good, but there are only two places where it should be used, namely, when one is entirely alone, and possibly on the tanyard in the dark. As has been said, "Chewing gum shows lack of taste," therefore lest we lose our sense of taste entirely, let chewing cease.

Suppose we appoint a committee consisting of the whole school and decree that gum shall be forever banished from within these four walls.

L. A. O.

Mary Frances Fenn.

The Divine Ruler has seen fit to call another of his children home, and while we bow in sorrow for the departed friend and schoolmate, we rejoice in the certainty that she is reaping the reward of a true Christian. Miss Fenn was for several years a member of our school, endearing herself to all who knew her by her bright and lovable disposition, and her death upon Sunday night, Jan. 4, was a sad blow to her trusting friends, who had hoped against hope for her recovery.

Notes.

"Cookies!"

Great slipping!

Where is the next sociable?

"Finished your tabulation?"

"Have you consulted the Planchette lately?"

Miss Walker and Miss Ruggles spent the Christmas vacation in Boston.

The "Old Rose" C. C., meets Saturday, at the home of Miss Cassie Willis.

"Always room for one more," though there be nine in a one horse sleigh.

Howard Eggleston, '92, has been elected to fill the position of James Sawyer on the NOTES.

Professor:—"In which of his battles was Gustavus Adolphus killed?"

Pupil (after reflection):—"I think it was in his last battle."

At the last meeting of the A class gold and white were decided upon as the class colors, and the daisy as the class flower.

Lewis Sheldon, formerly a member of the class of '91, who has been attending school at Albany for the past two years, is now at Andover.

Richard Wooster, '91, who was absent last term on account of sickness, is rapidly recovering and expects to rejoin his class next week.

One day last week a member of the A class was heard describing the "diagnosis" of a play. The Christmas vacation must have deranged his intellect.

A large number of the pupils of the R. H. S. attended the funeral of Miss Mary Fenn, on Jan. 7. Miss Fenn was at one time a member of '92.

A petition has been circulated in the school requesting that the seats be changed in order of rank. A great many have signed the paper.

More'n that.

The following will be appreciated by the Greek class:

That Homer should a bankrupt be
Is not so very *Odd-d'ye-see*,
If it be true as I'm instructed,
'Twas *Ill-he-had* his books constructed.

Coasting was the order of the day (or night) last week, and was freely indulged in; "Gouger Hill" and Kendall avenue being the favorite places.

Robert Gilmore and James Sawyer, both members of '92, have left the R. H. S., where they will be greatly missed by their classmates, and have entered Andover, preparatory for Yale.

Mr. James K. Hyde of the "Pottstown High School," Pa., and Mr. Fred Steele of New York, former members of the R. H. S., spent Xmas and New Year's in town, with their parents.

Under the direction of Miss Phinney, a new piece, Macfarren's "Harvest Home," is being prepared for the annual musicale. When learned this piece will be one of the prettiest we have had.

Mr. Wilson says that the scholars in the schools of Germany recite five hours a day and study from five to seven hours out of school. Let us be thankful that we do not go to school in Germany.

The motto of the class of '91, "Without haste, without rest," has been placed upon the High school walls. Most of the scholars are disappointed in the colors, but "what cannot be cured must be endured."

The school hours of the R. E. C. I. have been changed and school now opens at 8.30 a. m. and closes at 2.20 p. m., allowing half an hour at noon for lunch. This is a very good plan, and it would be well if the R. H. S. could do likewise.

The rhetoricals last Friday were on the subject, "Vermont." It was a very interesting and appropriate programme, this year being the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Vermont into the Union.

Vacation is ended, and as nicely applicable to the R. H. S. holiday revelers, Bacon may be misquoted as saying: "Eating maketh a full man, and if he eat little he need have much cunning to seem to eat what he eateth not."

Our Alumni.

'82—Miss Jennie Pierce is teaching German and kindergarten in the "Hartford Preparatory Institute," at Hartford.

'88—Mr. Alfred Turner and Le Roy Phillips have returned to Amherst College, after passing the holidays at home.

'88—Miss Mary Harwood, a member of the Sophomore class of Smith College, spent the holidays at her home on Washington street.

'89—Misses Ethel Temple, '89, and Nettie Stewart, '88, who have been spending the Xmas and New Year's vacation in this city, have returned to their respective schools and resumed their studies.

'89—Professor Orth of Boston has the honor of teaching one of the R. H. S. alumni, Miss Mary Parker, '89, in the intricacies of piano classics.

'89—"Immortal Gouger" has again made itself painfully prominent to Rutland people. This time it was one of our alumni whose career down the slippery slope was suddenly arrested, and as a result Charlie Woodward, '89, is suffering from severe bruises. This hill has always been more or less dangerous, the bridge at the center of the hill proving an admirable danger obstacle, to stop, with sad results, swiftly moving traverses.

'89—Miss Fanny Pierce, of the University of Vermont, spent the holiday vacation in Rutland.

'92—Miss Florence Nims, formerly of '92, was married recently to Mr. Fred Green of Rutland. The NOTES extends congratulations.

'91—Miss Mabel E. Bowman, once a member of '91, was married on Dec. 30, to Mr. S. T. Pearsons. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. Pearsons, and a number of R. H. S. scholars attended. The class of '91 extend their best wishes for their happiness.

R. H. S. D. C.

The last meeting of the Debating Club, which was held at the home of Walter Dunton, proved quite interesting and exciting. The question under consideration was: Resolved, "That Lee was a more able general than Grant."

Eggleston and Bates upheld the affirmative, while Welch and Dunton combatted for the honors of war upon the negative. The verdict of the judges upon the relative merits of the arguments was in favor of the affirmative, the vote standing four for the affirmative and one for the negative.

The meeting was the last in the term and the election of officers for the ensuing term took place. The officers as elected are as follows: President, Eggleston; Vice-President, H. E. Poronto; Secretary, Arthur Keyes.

The next debate will be held Jan. 23, upon the subject, "Resolved, that Canada should be annexed to the United States." Affirmative, Sheldon and Sterl; negative, Hinsman and McDonough.

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IT seems to be extremely hard for the progressive Kansas young man to do his duty, for all the boys in the senior class of the Wellington High School were expelled for washing the girls' faces. Our hearts go out in sympathy toward those brave martyrs of cleanliness.

THE disgraceful scenes enacted in our highest legislative body during the last week rivals the "Mad Parliament" of an earlier date in English history without the redeeming feature of a methodical madness. Such actions, if they were to take place among students or people in less prominent positions in life would be looked upon as vulgar and low; but when these gentlemen (?) representatives of a grand people see fit to indulge in "Baal" dances and insulting sarcasms there seems to be little enough criticism and censure. The third highest officer in the United States, the Speaker of the House, should be given the utmost respect, whether he be republican or democrat. We are not ashamed to give thanks that the rising generation has enough of the requisites of true gentlemen to look upon such parliamentary practice with loathing, and refuse to be influenced by any such disrespectful, obscene and unmannerly example.

ALTHOUGH it may appear rather strange that the question of establishing a cottage hospital in Rutland could possibly be raised without originating in the High School, it becomes us, as progressive citizens in embryo, to quickly recover from our surprised surprise and endeavor by word and action to help the scheme along. Unquestionably there exists a necessity for such an institution in Rutland, and the benefits to be derived from it will, directly or indirectly, be enjoyed by each and everyone of Rutland's inhabitants. While there is no doubt that the High School is heartily in favor of a hospital, (it may prove an incentive toward a foot ball team next fall) it remains for those who are developing the idea to show us how and where we can assist.

In the beginning it may be well to admit the threadbare and ancient condition of our text for this editorial, but, nevertheless, the fact is evident that it does not, like old wine, become better with increasing age. The manner in which the students take a hold of the music is anything but pleasing, and reminds us somewhat of the sounds which the primary youngster will elongate when suddenly deprived of a much beloved toy. The cause of this seeming inability to vocally fathom the depths of the "Euterpian" songs is not to be found anywhere but in the students themselves; and it is not because they can't, but because they lack the necessary energy to try in an enthusiastic way. Aside from the discouraging effect which the uninterested and dragging efforts of the singers produce upon the teacher, there is the fact that we ourselves are letting slip a chance for personal improvement. Each part has its failing; the sopranos show a remarkable tendency to tire out and not hold the notes their allotted time, (especially in "All among the Barley"); the altos, although small, numerically, are well voiced, but a little more attention paid to light and shade and to staccato movement, noticeably in "Harvest Home," would tend to improve the singing; and as to the tenor and bass there is not enough of it to criticise. Collectively the school should take more notice of the time. Listening to a piece of music that is dragged is worse than hearing a wheezing hand-organ grind out the popular air of the day to the measure of a sleepy Italian's sleepily turning handle. We believe that the school is aiming at improvement, but let us turn the artillery of progress more directly upon the musical side of our educational work and note the results.

Well! We will hang up our book of forecasts and our astrological instruments and lay aside all claims to know anything at all about the "gentle sex." If any person had had the audacious audacity to even hint that a girl's literary society would not be in full (not prohibitionally speaking) operation by this month, we should have looked upon that individual as a sort of weak-minded, non-astute kind of a man, more worthy to be pitied than to be loved or respected. But it appears that such an augury would have been eminently proper and correct, that the R. H. S. Notes was in the wrong and that the sole aim of the girl is to act as an attrahent and to flirt. If something is not done along this line ere long, the boys must judge by appearances and claim the non-ability of feminine mind to grasp the intricate intricacies of literary debate and club work.

No doubt ex-minister Mizner thinks that he has made a decidedly interesting addition to the literature upon the Barrundia case by his recent official report, but its literary merit seems to be about all there is to it. He has admirably succeeded in sacrificing humanity to the Goddess of Diplomacy. While it would be useless to attempt to prove that Barrundia was not guilty of "political and non-political crimes," it is no reason that his life should be taken without a trial, nor that any minister of a just republic should refuse to extend protection. Mr. Mizner's conduct will hardly stand much criticism, but it may be said that it is extremely difficult to do the right thing at the right time and then again the oppressive (?) heat of the Guatemalan tropics may have rendered proper action hopeless. From "the road" it begins to look as though the nation's hand is shortened that it cannot help.

Literary.

KENILWORTH CASTLE.

"ADMIRER."

Famous old castle of legend and story; scene of many a festal dance or cruel murder. What a rich store of ancient tales its moss-covered, rapidly crumbling walls could tell—tales of princes and kings; of nobles and ladies; of treason and martyrdom; of grandeur and poverty. How many times have its spacious halls resounded with reveling songs and joyous laughter, or re-echoed the dying cries of some poor murdered unfortunate. How many moonlight promenades of courtly knights, loving lovers and plotting politicians have been taken upon its massive battlements—the centre around which history and tradition have woven so many fascinating facts and fables that we bow down in humble adoration to the grandest relic of the middle ages.

The old castle—or rather the ruins of the old castle—is situated in Warwickshire, upon the banks of the Avon river, and near the centre of England. It is within a few miles of Shakespeare's birth place; and travelers in that section of the country would consider a journey incomplete unless it included a visit to both the great poet's home and Kenilworth.

The time of the founding of the castle is not definitely known, but the finding of the name of Cæsar upon the "keep" or citadel has been the occasion for the doubtful claim that it was built at the time of the second Roman invasion, 54 B. C., but historical accounts of the Roman movements seem to dispute that statement. Again the theory is advanced that Kenilworth was erected by Kenelph, the king of Mercia, and that the castle was named from him, but this is probably an explosive idea and the true solution of the dispute will be likely to be found in the fact that during the reign of King Stephen many castles were illegally built as strongholds of oppression for the powerful nobles, and among these castles Kenilworth might have had its rise. But however disputed the point is as to the date of its foundation the fact remains evident that Kenilworth has been the stage upon which many a historical play has been acted.

Early in its history Kenilworth was composed of but the outer "keep" and its nearly adjacent castellated buildings, but in the time of "Voquet," Henry I., during whose reign the castle was owned by the warlike Clintons, the outer walls, which enclosed nearly seven acres, were erected. After the Clintons the next family of importance to take possession of Kenilworth was the De Montfort family. Near here, in the war of the Barons, of whom the elder De Montfort was the leader, against Henry III., was fought the last battle, in which the Barons were defeated and Earl Simon slain. And in this very castle the younger De Montfort was shut up by the royal forces while his father's army was being defeated.

Here Edward II. was imprisoned by his rebellious queen and Roger Mortimer, and here he was compelled to resign his crown in favor of his son, at that ridiculous meeting in which Sir William Trussel, the Speaker of the House of Commons, formally renounced allegiance to him, thereby deposing the first king that was ever deposed by Parliament.

After the De Montforts no important family had possession of Kenilworth until the time of John of Gaunt,

the stiff old cavalier and uncle of Richard II., who through all his life seemed to have one eye upon the crown while with the other he took in the beauties of nature; and right well did he endeavor to improve those beauties by improving his castles, and especially Kenilworth.

But when the Dudley family came into power in England, Kenilworth, which was their chief castle, assumed the dignity well symbolic of its owner's greatness. Magnificent indeed must have appeared the stately old pile of massive beauty when lit up from turret to foundation with the royal festal candles. Inside its rich hangings in tapestry, gilt, and red leather; its chairs and cushions of velvet, gold and rich embroideries; and its carpets of crimson velvets fringed with gold and silver lace must have been furnishings well fitted to adorn the palaces of royalty. But all this splendid stateliness is a thing of the past. The palace is in ruins, but the ruins, now in their dilapidated condition, prove an irresistible attraction to the sightseer, the historical enthusiast, or in fact to any person interested in studying the old England in the 19th century.

Grand old Kenilworth, long may your ruins be the strong tie that binds our present to your past.

A MORNING TRIP THROUGH LAKE CHAMPLAIN

"ADMIRER."

"It's time to get up, sah. Steamer leaves in half an hour;" and the stentorian tones of the colored porter's voice sounded through the halls of the Van Ness House, arousing us from a deep, refreshing slumber to the realities of a pleasant summer morning in Burlington. Hastily dressing and partaking of a warm breakfast we don our light overcoats, for it is a little chilly in the early morning even in the "Queen City," unless one is provided with "mountain dew," and taking a cab we soon found ourselves at the docks of the Champlain Transportation Company, eagerly anticipating an early steamboat trip up the beautiful Lake Champlain to Plattsburgh.

After a few minutes' waiting the steamer, "The Chateaugay," comes slowly into port and we board her. Ascending the stairs, taking a hasty glance at ourselves on the way to see if "we's in proper trim, you know," in her large mirrors, we pass through the spacious and well appointed parlors to the upper deck, where we seat ourselves in the Dutchman's "back breakers," or in plain words American camp chairs, and while waiting the steamer's starting "take in," as the expression is, the different types of human nature that have assembled upon the wharf. The bustling porter, the sleepy drummer, the busy freight handlers, the cheery captain and, can it be true? a woman, are all represented in this strange medley of early risers, who wave their adieus to us as the steamer slowly swings away from the wharf, turns her head into the open lake and proceeds upon her journey.

When "Old Sol" begins to lift his head in the east and the reflection of his brilliant rays shimmer on the waves and gleam from the blue Adirondacks as they lift their fairy-like crests in a crimson hue of hazy distance at the left and lightens up Vermont's Old Green Mountains in a halo of ever increasing beauty and glory, we are plunged into a trance of pleasant reverie and observation.

On through the gleaming waves and past the numerous green islands which stud the lake with their verdure-clad tops as diamonds do the crown of a king, the steamer steadily holds her way until just as the sun is beginning to make himself felt to the awakening world, she swings herself into harbor at Plattsburgh, and in the greetings of friends and the confusion of noisy hackmen the morning's trip becomes a pleasure of the past, but one not soon to be forgotten.

Notes.

Please pay your subscription.

"You are a dandy."

"Oh, pshaw!"

"Salem, Mass."

"They ate violently."

What about that sociable?

(8:30 a. m.) "O, I'm so sleepy."

"It is occupied by D. Lothrop & Co."

The thought of some of the pupils is "mutandae sedes."

The A class are fighting vigorously over the class ring subject.

The Rhetoricals last Friday were on the subject, "Hawthorne."

Mr. W. W. Griffiths visited the R. H. S. last Tuesday.

L. H. Stewart, '91, has been absent from school the past week.

"That Florence is famous as the birth place of Columbus" is the latest.

Miss Cassie Willis, '92, has been absent from school for several days on account of sickness.

The English history class is in need of Myers' complete history for reference.

A Vermont contemporary says that the NOTES is the best exchange of its size that it receives.

How shocked Pluto would be could he have heard one of the A's designate him as "an ancient philosopher."

The petition with regard to the changing of seats which was circulated last week was not granted owing to the fact that only one of the A's signed it.

Several R. H. S.-ites have taken advantage of the recent good sliding to pay homage to "King Winter" upon Kendall avenue.

A contemporary makes the astonishing statement that the Rutland High School has an orchestra, a glee club, and a male quartet.

Professor Ellsworth contributes a paper upon "percentage and its applications" to to-day's programme at the Teachers' Institute at Fair Haven.

The new male Glee club, of which several of the boys are members, made its first appearance at the sociable at Mrs. Brown's, Nichols street, and really did very well.

Miss Walker was thrown from a sleigh one day last week and quite seriously injured. She was obliged to be absent from school for several days, much to the regret of the scholars.

Communications from the departed heroes, Sawyer and Gilmore, indicate the fact that they have to study eight hours a day and then (we suppose) don't have their lessons.

As several of the scholars wished to attend the services at Trinity Church last Thursday, school began at 8:30 and closed at 11 and did not begin in the afternoon until 2.

Miss Lizzie Kingsley, '92, received a number of her friends at her home on South Main street last week. Whist and dancing were indulged in and a very pleasant evening was passed.

Mr. Geo. J. Wardwell's talk upon the "application of force to heat" was much appreciated by the pupils. It is understood that this talk was but the first of a series to be given during the coming term.

There is quite serious talk of reviving the Y. M. C. A. Chess club, in which there was quite a deal of interest taken last year. W. Barton Baldwin was president, and the hope has been expressed that he will call a meeting of the club at an early date.

Our Alumni.

'85—Miss Katherine Norton is one of Rutland's best known music teachers.

'85—Edith Grout is enjoying a trip among the exotic population of the west.

'89—Miss Matilda Derrigan is employed by J. J. Fay in his book-binding establishment.

'82—Mr. Ed. Fox, the genial reporter for the Herald, is in Boston.

'93—Mr. John McDonough, a former R. H. S.-ite, assists the choir of the Methodist church Sunday evenings. His altivolant tenor voice is especially noticeable in the altoripieno.

R. H. S. D. C.

Sheldon and Sterl showed quite a bit of debative skill and combative sharpness in the discussion of the question, "Resolved, that Canada shall be annexed to the United States," but their ability was counterbalanced and, in the opinion of the judges, outweighed by the negative supporters, Hinsman and Lewis, in the debate last Friday. The decision upon the merits of the debate showed three for the negative and two for the affirmative, and decisively established the future of our Canadian friends in the minds of the amateur debaters.

The next debate will be upon a subject apropos of the Washington anniversary celebrations.

EXCHANGES.

It is proper that in this number we devote our exchange column to our new exchanges, of which we have received several.

The Argus is from Detroit and is really a fine example of what "those fellows" out west can do in the literary line.

High School Echo is the name of a neat little bi-weekly published in Manchester, N. H.

We received a letter from *The Academy* asking that we place its name upon our exchange list, and we gladly comply.

The *Cue* is generous. We receive two papers of every issue.

Holyoke, Mass., sends the ably edited *High School Monthly*, but it must be said that the advertisements in the literary column are not especially interesting—a "newspaper plan" paper

The Crescent from Andover, N. H. By the way, we sent two "wandering lambs" down that way last week; look them up.

Vermont's new venture is the North Bennington *Critic*.

The *High School Life* from Orange, New Jersey, is a neatly printed periodical.

The Hermonite from Mt. Hermon contains a good article upon "Yale Life."

We are glad to see a cover on the *Lynn High School Gazette*.

Other new ones are *The High School Times*, *Our School Life*, *The Advocate*, *High School Herald*, *High School Register* and *The Tripod*.

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IN our last issue, through an error, a quotation from Butler's "Opposition to the Long Parliament" was attributed to Dryden.

A RUMOR to the effect that it was the intention of the authorities to graduate the class of '91 from the West street school building has seriously disturbed the equanimity of the aforesaid class and been the cause of many rather expressive sentiments. It is to be hoped that the rumor is but a rumor, and we hope to hear of no official authentication. Nothing likely to be productive of more serious difficulty could well be inaugurated, and the old rule of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" should be well studied before any decisive action is taken.

Now to tell the truth, don't you girls feel ashamed? After tasting of the sweets and pleasantries of a "Boys' Debating Club," if you young ladies are not animated with a sense of the inferiority of the feminine sex we are surprised, and will earnestly advocate the invention of a "patent compliment machine" to throw honey covered congratulations to the non-deserving feminine mind.

As a suggestion, the inferior side of the house might resolve itself into a mutual admiration society to feed each active member with sugar coated "admireasities" in lieu of the non-reception of complimentary remarks from the stronger, more progressive young man.

But to speak plainly, a society for debative practice or literary research would be a profitable as well as pleasant factor of your school work. From experience the boys can truthfully say that the debating club has been the pleasantest part of the past two terms' schooling. The meetings of the club, which have been held once in three weeks, have always been eagerly anticipated and have furnished more fun together with more benefit than all of the rest of the advancement schemes

put together. We will give no more advice, but if our word is any criterion to go by, rest assured that nothing would prove pleasanter or more beneficial to its members and the school than "a Girls' Debating Club" or "Literary Society."

AGAIN the curtain rises upon the Guatemalan drama and the widow of the murdered Barrundia waltzes upon the stage to the music of the dulcet instruments of revenge, reading a huge official document and wildly crying for vengeance or $1,000,000, and emphatically declaring that the United States government is a murderer and consequently must pay up or take the consequences. What the consequences are is not definitely stated, but they probably consist of about twenty yards of manilla rope, well twisted and tested, with two or three straining, tugging, sweating southern republics upon one end, endeavoring by every human means to raise the American republic off her feet. And meanwhile the previously mentioned republic unconsciously proceeds upon the even base of her way and discusses senatorial squabbles and presidential prospects with as much enthusiastic gusto as ever.

Of course it is possible that Mizner overstepped the bounds of propriety in not extending the hand of protection to that man of political crimes, but where the grounds for the proof of the accusation of murder are found is not especially plain, and it would require one of those proverbial juries of the east to secure a verdict of "murder in the fifth degree." But nothing is gained without trying; and as the respected southern widow has no cooking to do for the departed husband, she may pleasantly, if not profitably, spend her leisure time crying for vengeance, and may possibly get a spouse for one of those numerous daughters, even if the million dollars should not be forthcoming.

THOSE Canadians are just now in a world of trouble upon this reciprocity argument, and are airing their opinions in a manner well calculated to warm the atmosphere of their chilly country; and we need not be surprised to hear of a demand for thermometers of a higher registration from our self-complacent neighbors ere long. From what can be gleaned from the confusing reports, it seems that somebody said something to somebody else about something which was told him by somebody who only repeated it as being said by somebody else, to the effect that the annexation of Canada to the United States is earnestly desired by the aforesaid states, and if that annexation does not follow at once, measures will be taken by Uncle Sam to compel the Canadians to become a part of this country. Of course such a grievous state of thing as that rouses the vengeance of those hot-headed northmen and the resolve naturally follows that "if they want us to we won't." But before indulging in too many negative "ghost dances," our northern brothers should look upon the civilized side of the question and they will find that the United States in no way resembles the negro upon a watermelon expedition. In the first place we don't especially long for watermelon in the winter, and secondly, Canadian watermelon is too cold to digest with any degree of comfort. Besides, if the United States was looking for melons it would pick out the ripe, luscious ones within easy reach and not spend thirty years digging under a high fence of prejudiced opinion.

Literary.

OUR DEPARTED GREAT.

H. E. P.

It seldom happens in the course of a nation's career that she is compelled to place the names of three of her most beloved public men upon the scroll of departed greatness within the narrow space of two short weeks. But by the deaths of William Windom, William T. Sherman and David D. Porter, the sombre, and yet glorious record, upon which the names of Washington, Lincoln, Garfield and Grant are enshrined, is again opened and the rapidly increasing list of our past heroes is sadly swelled.

In Secretary William Windom we lose one of the greatest, if not the greatest, true hearted, steady nerved statesmen of the times. Not as a brilliant orator, nor a man noted for his witty sayings or new inventions, but as a statesman of rare integrity of character and the soundest common sense, he easily took his place as one of the main pillars of the present government. Twice secretary of the treasury under a republican administration, Mr. Windom withstood the pressure of adverse criticisms and conflicting opinions as only a man of a strong, right-directed mind can do, and his sudden death leaves a vacancy in the President's cabinet well nigh impossible to be acceptably filled.

The last of that famous triumvirate of military heroes has departed with Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, and the household names of Grant, Sherman and Sheridan are but mementos of those three closely allied men who, in their country's need, stepped bravely forward and by their superior ability replaced her in the foremost rank of the great nations of the world. All honor to the sleeping leader whose steady purpose backed by his penetrating perception, in accomplishing his nation's salvation has, with his philanthropic friendliness to the unfortunate, won him a place in the hearts of the American people, who will long hold him in remembrance as one of the greatest contributors toward the preservation of this united country.

The death of the third of this illustrious trio, David D. Porter, brings forcibly to mind the naval scenes of the late civil war, when the impetuous commodore won his fame and bombarded himself upon the very scroll of honor; and it was with heartfelt sorrow that his admiring countrymen received the sad news of his last fight, in which although defeated in the deathly battle, he rises a conqueror immortal in the love of his people.

Notes.

All unpaid subscriptions will be looked for before the close of the present term. Look to it. Is yours paid?

"Initials!"

"Canned lobster pickled."

Who got left on ice-cream?

"Flabbergasted whooyledunker!"

"Form two angles with two lines."

"Did you see "Cyrus" last night?"

Bright scholar: "Is Greece in Europe?"

"I wish all of the young ladies would remember me."

During Miss Walker's late illness her place was very acceptably filled by Mrs. Dana.

A new rhetorical schedule has been arranged with only seven divisions instead of ten, as formerly.

One of the "three old maids" of the tea party was heard to remark that tea is made of hay, and I know it."

Miss Grace Potter, '91, has returned to school after an absence of several weeks on account of illness.

Several of the superior sex participated in the "Gander entertainment" at the Methodist Church last Friday evening.

We are glad to welcome back "Gretchen," one of the editors of the R. H. S. NOTES, who has been absent some time on account of illness.

Washington Irving did not believe in taking long trips, as one of the "B" scholars was heard to say "that he went to Europe for two days."

At the Demerest medal contest at the Opera House, week before last, the R. H. S. was well represented by Misses Heath, Toohey and Spafford, '91, and Misses Metzger and Franklin, '93.

Several new features were introduced in the rhetorical exercises incident to the subject: "Abraham Lincoln," and added materially to the program's interest.

The first term of Prof. Foley's dancing class closed last Friday evening with a reception at Baxter Hall. Among the class are numbered several members of the R. H. S.

Mr. Carl Hinsman of B class, '92, has accepted a lucrative position in the office of the Howe Scale Co. He will be much missed in his old place in third row.

Several of the young ladies of '92 are in the "flag drill" soon to be given by the Ladies' Relief Corps. It is to be quite a novel entertainment, each one representing a different country.

Our Alumni.

Albert Brousseau, not a regular graduate, at one time in the employ of Uncle Sam, is employed in the store of W. C. Landon.

'85—Mr. Charles Landon left town this week for an extended tour through the southern states.

'87—Mrs. A. H. Campbell, formerly Miss Carrie Kingsley, is rapidly recovering from her late critical illness.

'88—Miss Julia Wickham is enjoying a visit in Pittsfield, Mass. She is to stay several weeks.

'89—Miss Mary Naylon is teaching school in Pittsford.

'89—Charles Peabody and Ray Munger are employed in the office of the Harris Manufacturing Co.

'91—Miss Alice Dexter left town this week to visit friends in Massachusetts.

THE FIRST "PUBLIC".

Of the High School Debating Club well attended and a grand success. The programme, a presentation and noticeable points.

The occasion to which the members of the High School Debating Club have so anxiously been looking forward has at length passed and the 27th of February will be placed upon the annals of the boy's club as the most auspicious day in its history.

The day opened with a discouraging storm and threatening clouds, but by noon Mother Nature had sufficiently smoothed her ruffled and rumpled countenance as to condescend to beam forth in gorgeous splendor upon a glorious winter's day, and 2:00 P. M., the hour appointed to open the exercises, found a goodly number of visitors awaiting the ushers' attention.

The room was not decorated, but it was especially noticeable that the young ladies of the school conceded the occasion of enough importance to attend in their Sunday best.

At precisely 2:15 the president, J. H. Eggleston, called the meeting to order, and after roll-call and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, introduced as the first speaker upon the literary programme Mr. Ernest Russell, whose interpretation of the poem, "The Birthday of Washington," was especially pleasing.

A piano solo, splendidly rendered by Mr. John M. Spaulding, next followed, and then the debate was announced.

The question under consideration was: "Resolved, That Washington was greater in war than in peace." Affirmative, Louis E. Campbell and Halsey E. Poronto. Negative, L. Harry Stewart and James H. Goulding.

In announcing the debate the president prefaced his remarks by saying that the supporters of the negative side labored under great disadvantages. Carl Hinsman, the leading debater upon that side having left school, Mr. Stewart had kindly consented to deliver his argument, and the illness of John Welch having prevented his being present, J. H. Goulding was to fill the vacancy and read Welch's paper.

Campbell in the opening argument for the affirmative traced the genealogy of the Washington family, showing that by all ancestral indications Geo. Washington inherited a love for war and conflict. He further proved Washington's possession of the leading requisite qualities of a great general, and went on to show the contrast between Washington and Napoleon, by which contrast the "Father of his Country" was shown to be immeasurably superior to the French tyrant.

Stewart then followed as the leading negative debater. He dwelt mainly upon the condition of the country before Washington's acceptance of the presidency as contrasted with its improved condition upon his retirement from office. He claimed that there was no disputing the statement that Washington was great as a warrior, but that his superior ability as a statesman was plainly marked, and illustrated his claims by stating several examples of the "great statesman's statesmanship."

Poronto for the affirmative opened his arguments by satirizing the opposition's method of debate. He further stated that if Washington had not been great in war his name would not have been known to half a dozen persons of this generation, and to them only as the name of the man who wrote such long letters and whose wife's name was Martha, closing the affirmative side of the debate by reciting a comical poem and quoting from Headley that comparing Washington with Cæsar, Alexander or Napoleon was an injustice.

Goulding, as the substitute for Welch, read the latter's paper, from which it was gleaned that Washington was undoubtedly greater as a statesman than as a warrior. One especially good argument was introduced to the effect that if Washington had abandoned the country after the war, our enjoyment of the present national advantages would have been an impossibility. The negative side then closed its arguments with "I think you will agree with me that Washington was greater in peace than in war."

This closed the debate, and following a brief summary of the affirmative and negative arguments by Fritz Burnham, the judges, Davis, Jenne, Peabody and Pratt of '89, left the room. During their absence, P. F. McDonough delivered a declamation, and then Mr. Ellsworth, in a neat presentation

speech, presented the club with an elegant gavel.

The decision of the judges, "two for and two against," was received, and a most enjoyable programme closed with the singing of "America" by the school.

The meeting was in every sense a success, and the club may well congratulate itself upon such an auspicious first "Public."

NOTICEABLE POINTS.

"Greater in war than in peace"

"A toothpick and a glass of water for the debaters."

"With fear and trembling."

Shaking knees and hoarse voice.

Congratulations.

Mr. Temple's remarks seem to have created quite a sensation among the young ladies, as one of the representatives of the NOTES was dangerously surrounded upon his way from the scene of conflict by a troop of angry damsels intent upon impressing upon his mind the fact that "We have not decided *not* to have a debating club, and we *are* going to have one." The representative only escaped by meekly acknowledging that he was glad to hear it and by promising to write an article in favor of such a plan. Amen!

Mr. Ellsworth's appropriate gift to the club was much appreciated by the boys, and it certainly merited appreciation.

The wood for the head of the gavel was taken from the old "Colonial State House" upon West street, and is of finely polished Vermont pine. The handle is of a dark wood, also polished. Around each end of the head is a broad silver band, the upper one engraved with the names of the donor and recipient, and the lower one having the words, "Wood taken from the Colonial State House, Rutland, Vt."

The programmes for the occasion were printed by Mr. H. M. Williams, upon an Edson mimeograph, and really showed a very tasty piece of work.

EXCHANGES.

The North Bennington *Critic* is a remarkably clean and neat appearing monthly, but to get the full benefit from a school paper, "clippings" should be dispensed with as much as possible. It is the original work that counts.

The Rugbian earnestly advocates the formation of an Alumni Association.

"There is nothing great in this world but man, and nothing great in man but mind" forms the motto of *The Alfred University*.

The Antiochian, a new one, defends itself for calling an exchange to account for publishing a "beer advertisement." While we have not seen the "adv." in question, nevertheless it would seem that no right-minded school exponent would for a minute question as to its propriety. From a business standpoint it may be admissible, but if the mission of a school paper is to aid in the improvement of its young readers, certainly an advertisement advocating intoxicating-tendency drinks will not prove truly instrumental toward fulfilling that mission.

In the farewell editorial of the retiring board of editors from the *High School Times* is presented a thought which might well be the motto of any progressive student: "Perseverance, work, and promptness, are the three avenues that lead to success."

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IT gives the editors great pleasure to be enabled to write the matter for one issue of the NOTES with warm fingers. As the thermometer rises the grateful editors' hearts also rise, and they all unite in a thankful bow to the Board of Education for the new radiator.

ONE very noticeable point in the reports of the centennial celebrations of Vermont's entrance into the Union, was that all the celebrating seemed to have been done outside of the State, showing that Vermonters at home either had little interest in such celebrations or that they had not the time to spend in commemoration exercises; while on the other hand it would appear that distance lends enchantment and that the outside Vermonters are proud of the old Green Mountain State and were not ashamed to show that pride even among the natives of other States. Although it is to be regretted that so little enthusasism was manifest among our home people, it is a matter of congratulation to learn that Vermont's sons and daughters do not forget their nativity even among strangers, and that our grand old state's reputation for loyalty is well sustained by her absent children.

SACRIFICING CHARACTER TO THEORY.

AND so the Free Library is to be used as a cannon ball to be hurled upon the Sunday saloons. Verily, it would seem that the poor Library is to suffer more than its share of persecution. But it is claimed that an open Sunday Library will act as a magnet to draw the saloon frequenter from the worship of his, or somebody else's, bottle to the worship of the Goddess of Knowledge. Well, folks nowadays can claim almost anything; those western Indians claim the world, but that don't give it them; and those progressive democrats claim that they are going to elect the next President, nevertheless that don't make the possibility by any means certain.

Where the benefit is to come in, from degrading the Library to the level of a common saloon, does not plainly appear, for even if we did grant that the Library should open its rooms upon Sunday it should be remembered that the adorer of a whiskey flask is not, as a general thing, the adorer of literature; and even if the Bacchus worshiper did happen to drop in the open rooms and look over a few books he would be certain to afterward proceed serenely upon his voyage, saloon-ward, with a greatly sharpened appetite for spiritual refreshment (not of the aqua regia order).

Notwithstanding all those seemingly forcible arguments advocating this latest Sabbath breaking scheme, we must confess that we don't quite see the point, and would advise those mistaken advocates to sharpen it up a little in order to make it perceptible to the ordinary every day mind, for it certainly appears blunt and unintelligible to us common folks as it is now presented.

RUTLAND'S IMPROVEMENT.

IN her Board of Trade, Rutland certainly has an enterprising organization, and one of which she may well be proud. The latest of its many and often successful plans for the improvement of the Marble City is to draw attention to Rutland's superior locality, drives, scenery and educational and railroad facilities, with the idea of making our city one of the most deservingly popular pleasure resorts in the country.

It is to be hoped that Rutland's citizens will second the efforts of her Board of Trade and by earnest cooperation help make its plans truly successful. The nature-given advantages possessed by our city are alone sufficient to make her the "Saratoga" of Vermont, and with a little artificial aid will place her upon a par with White Mountains or Adirondack resorts.

You say that such talk is absurd, but we speak from experience. We have endeavored to be comfortable perched upon a four-horse stage coach, driving along a sandy (three feet deep) Adirondack road, seated in a seat built for three persons but containing six; and of those six two were the biggest women you ever saw, and it was just our luck to sit between them, while in the rear an old Dutchman seemed to take great pleasure in using our coat collar for a foot rest; and our agonies were somewhat increased by sitting behind an enormous umbrella with especially long ribs, and those same ribs seemed to be very seriously given to poking us in the eye, to keep us awake, we suppose. But to tell the truth, we did'nt want to go to sleep—we could'nt—for as if our cup of affliction was not full, the thermometer stood 95° in the shade, and every time the stage struck a hummock, in the by no means smooth road, those two fat women came against us on either side with sufficient force to make us think that we was the latest edition of some seventeenth century inquisition candidate. Pleasure in the Adirondacks! Well, may be, but it wasn't there when we were. Common sense will teach that people want a vacation in the easiest accessible place, and not one person in fifty cares to commit moral and physical suicide before reaching the scene of his recreations, provided that he can gain the same pleasure at some more easily reached resort.

Let us then, as admirers of Rutland, look after those forty-nine and let the one go if he wants (he's probably the black sheep any how), and by a united effort second the work of the Board of Trade. Granted that if the outside people only knew of Rutland's beauties they would come here and enjoy it, it becomes our duty to help make that beauty known, and all should aid in well circulating and advertising the coming illustrated extra of the *Herald*.

It may seem absurd to you old heads to hear us young folks talk, but if help is needed, in which enthusiasm is an essential, why call on the R. H. S. and we will gladly ride on the front seat with the driver in the wagon of local improvement.

Literary.

1791. VERMONT. 1891.

One hundred years ago there was great rejoicing among the Green Mountains, the whole colony was having a holiday, and the very atmosphere was alive with that joy which comes to the victor after a long and desperate struggle. I do not need to tell you that the cause of this rejoicing resulted from the fact that the sister States after a great deal of quarreling, parley and nonsense, had finally concluded that the little parcel of land among the mountains was worthy of the recognition of "the thirteen" and had extended the hand of sisterly greeting, though I imagine they did so a little reluctantly. Now it may seem strange that the other States were not anxious to enlarge the "Union" by the addition of this colony, and to get at the bottom of the trouble we shall have to go back quite a little in the State's history.

The first white man to enter Vermont, at least as far as we know, was Champlain, who in 1609 discovered the lake now bearing his name, and explored a portion of western Vermont. Nearly sixty years later, the French built forts along the Richelieu river and one, "Fort St. Anne," on Isle La Motte, this being the first point occupied by white men in Vermont. The first real settlement, however, was made in 1724 by the erection of Fort Dummer near the present site of Brattleboro, which was then supposed to be in Massachusetts. From this fort and from Charlestown, N. H., troops were sent against the French in the war of 1745, and the fertile lands along the upper Connecticut, the Winooski and Otter Creek attracted their attention to such an extent that the people began to immigrate to these regions about 1760, and at the end of eight years, one hundred and thirty-eight townships had been granted within the present limits of the state, by Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire, who claimed the jurisdiction and fee of the soil by virtue of the "New Hampshire Grants," by which name this country was known.

In 1763, the trouble which lasted so long was brought about by a proclamation issued by the Governor of New York, in which he claimed the territory under the grants which Charles II. had made to James, Duke of York, and ordered the sheriff to make returns of the names of those who had settled west of the Connecticut river under grants from New Hampshire. Governor Wentworth lost no time in issuing a counter proclamation declaring these claims void, and maintaining the legal authority of New Hampshire. New York then appealed to the King, who gave her power over the land as far as the Connecticut river, and attempted to dispossess the settlers of their lands.

But the patriotic leaders of the colony could no longer suppress their indignation, the people broke forth in fury and bravely resisted under the leadership of Ethan Ellen, Seth War-

ner and others. In 1774, Governor Tryon of New York issued a proclamation commanding Allen, Warner and several others to surrender themselves within thirty days under the penalty of the conviction for felony and death. The leaders retorted by offering a reward for the apprehension of the Attorney General of New York.

But in 1776, the outbreak of the Revolution for a short time suspended this controversy. During the year the colonists petitioned the Provincial Congress, then in session at Philadelphia, for admittance into the confederacy, but New York opposed and they withdrew. The following year Vermont declared her independence and again asked to be admitted; again Congress hesitated and the people became more indignant.

Meantime the British Generals endeavored to induce Vermont to swear allegiance to the mother country. Aware of the importance of gaining time, and avoiding the troubles which would follow a bold decision in favor of Congress, which had twice repulsed them, Ira Allen, with the help of others, kept the British officers inactive until the theater of the war was changed.

In 1781, Congress offered to admit Vermont with a considerable curtailment of her boundaries; but the people refused to come in on such terms, and for nine years longer remained outside the "Union." In 1790, New York revived the old question and offered to relinquish all claims over the State on the payment of $30,000; to this Vermont agreed, and in 1791 was admitted, being the first addition since the union of the "thirteen original States."

But, though not one of the confederated colonies and having no voice in their councils, the "Green Mountain Boys" had distinguished themselves during the Revolution in some of the hardest fought battles and most successful expeditions of the whole war.

And now Vermont stands at the beginning of her second century, and well may she look back with pride on her first one hundred years as a State. May there be as few blemishes in the future as there have been in past; and as long as the "stars and stripes" shall wave, may she have peace and prosperity.

K. V. H.

PELEG R. KENDALL.

For the past year or more Mr. Kendall has been suffering from ill health, but it was not until last Saturday that he was confined to the house, and even then the sickness was not deemed serious enough to cause anxiety.

Peleg Redfield Kendall was born in Coventry, November 24, 1848. His father was a physician. During the war he was a member of Co. L, First Vermont Artillery, being the youngest soldier in the regiment, and at the close of the war he entered Dartmouth college and graduated in the class of '71. He studied law and after practicing in several parts of the State he removed to Rutland in 1874.

As a lawyer, Mr. Kendall was eminently successful, and in '84 was elected to the office of State's attorney. He held many positions of honor and trust in this city, being an influential member of the Board of Education, but was not the treasurer.

As a scholar, Mr. Kendall particularly excelled in the classics and was a grand student in ancient literature. He was especially interested in the High School and its work. As a gentleman he was possessed of all the characteristics and instincts of a man of honor; as a neighbor and friend he was kind, sympathetic and true hearted.

By his death the Grand Army loses one of its most enthusiastic and loyal workers. Mr. Kendall was always interested in the post's charitable benefits and contributed largely of his pecuniary means to their support.

No tribute from the students of the R. H. S. can express their symyathy with the afflicted family nor their sorrow at his untimely death.

LELA B. SANFORD.

When it was announced that the angel of death had descended into our midst, that Lela B. Sanford was dead, it almost seemed that we could not reconcile ourselves to the sad news. Quiet and cheerful in manner, orderly and studious in habits, kind, not thoughtful of self, she had won the affection and respect of teachers and pupils alike. While we bow our heads in reverent submission to the divine will, we cannot help asking why this affliction should be necessary. Our hearts go out in sympathy to her parents and friends. We know that we shall all be better for having known and associated with her; she has left us the model of a conscientious, Christian character. The memory of her shall ever inspire us to better thoughts, to a purer life, to be more kind, more earnest, more exemplary in all our acts.

On the afternoon of March 11, the school adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The Great and Merciful Almighty, "who ordereth all things well," has seen fit to remove from our number one of our much loved, esteemed and honored mates, for reasons best known to himself, be it

Resolved, That *we*, the members of the Rutland High School, tender to the bereaved family, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and that we mourn alike in what is our great and their greater loss.

Notes.

R. H. S. bad Debating Club.

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"Go it! Go it!"

"Did you see the shoe?"

"Dandy Jim."

"Uncle Toby."

"Enoch and Elijah."

One intelligent "B" wishes to know how Howe's Mary is.

Harry Bates, '93, has returned to school after several days absence.

Several examinations were held last week and more are anticipated with a great deal of dread.

Goodale and Long, '92, and Dunton and Franklin, '93, have been appointed to draft a constitution.

The "A" class at a recent meeting elected as class historian, L. E. Campbell; class poet, J. M. Spaulding; and class prophet, Miss Lillian Howe.

Prof. Yager of Middlebury College visited the R. H. S. last week and gave a very interesting talk to the Astronomy class.

The examination in Arithmetic was taken from a New York Regents' paper, and many of the scholars report that it was so easy they had everything wrong.

The continued absence of Miss Walker on account of sickness is much regretted by all the scholars, although Mrs. Dana very acceptably fills her place.

The class of beginners in Latin is one of the most promising High School language classes, and its interest in the work will almost make a skeptic believe in the "dead languages."

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IT has at length been decided that the class of '91 will not be called upon to air its elocutionary talents in the attic of the West street school building, and the commencement exercises are to be held in the Opera House according to precedent.

THE recent banquet of the American Authors' Copyright League in celebration of the passage of the international copyright bill was an occasion of marked significance, not only because of the meeting of so many of the most prominent writers of America, but because of the emphasis which their meeting adds to the expressions of approval which have followed the act, perhaps the most important one, of the late national legislature.

While it is true that literary men are the persons most directly interested in the copyright law, it is also a fact that the people in general will feel its effects and heartily indorse the action of the club in supporting a measure which, at the outset, was looked upon by casual observers as an act of oppression. It is natural for persons in prominent positions to appear modest and unassuming, and it was noticeable that there seemed to be a singular disinclination upon the part of the club's members to take any credit for aiding in the passage of the much opposed bill, but the fact that the members of the club, individually and as a whole, deserve praise for their strong supporting work, is not lost upon the American people.

A PUBLIC PARK.

IT begins to look as though Rutland would have a public park within the course of a century or so. The late legislative action has decidedly brightened up affairs, but it is to be hoped that the scheme will not, like the traditional bubble, burst from too hard and rough handling.

From the very nature of a public park act we must see that the poor

thing won't stand too much debating and opposition hauling, and its naturally weak constitution will be easily broken and the short lived creature be compelled to give up the ghost and leave this world of fighting, tugging, cranky individuals for a more congenial, peaceful clime. But there is plenty of time to consider the matter, and no doubt need exist that, if Rutland will only work in the right spirit, there will be a public park in the Marble City ere another winter passes o'er our heads.

THE COLLEGE GRADUATE IN JOURNALISM

Of late years there has been considerable, perhaps too much, discussion upon the merits of the collegiate course as applied to the actual business life. While it is with no idea of clearing up the much discussed question that we attempt to write upon a few of its phases, nevertheless we may inadvertently add the last straw to the already heavy load which the opposers of the question are now bearing, and in that last straw, small though it be, help to break the strength of the opponents.

It will be readily granted that there seem at first thought to be many occupations in which the college graduate will appear to be an unnecessary appendage, but a little sober reflection will effectually brighten up the subject and enable the (at first) casual observer to see the fallacy of his position. In all grades of business life intelligence is at a premium against ignorance, and naturally the best educated applicant, provided he is sustained by a good reputation, will in nine cases out of ten receive the boon. If it is true that a man who has received a good education can lay out a ditch better than the common day laborer, then the same rule also will hold true in the higher professions, and especially in the practice of journalism.

An article touching upon this subject recently appeared in one of the leading magazines, the writer taking the ground that of all "horned cattle in a newspaper office, the college graduate is the worst." Theoretically the article may seem well based, but practically it is a misnomer and to prove the statement resource might be had to every-day occurrences in the journalistic field. Suppose that a vacancy should occur upon one of our leading city papers and two candidates should present themselves for the position. Suppose these candidates were evenly matched in natural literary gifts and were equally interesting writers. But suppose one of these applicants were a college graduate and by reason of his college experience was able to speak German and French tolerably well, while the other candidate had but a common school education. There is no doubt that of the two candidates the college man would be chosen.

While it would be absurd to claim that all men who attend a college could be made into philosophers of the first rank, it would be more utterly absurd to claim that their condition could not be improved, for even a long-eared quadruped with an inkling of college teaching would be able to wield his defensive extremities with more grace, ease and effect than his more unfortunate brother who had never brayed before the classic doors of some famous university of learning.

The subjects for the graduation essays of the A's were given out last Thursday, and great was the wailing among some of the members.

Well, the New York *Tribune* has safely passed through the experience of an anniversary celebration. And a great celebration it was to be sure. It probably included little after-dinner speeches; lengthy orations upon "our paper's founding" that would have made the immortal Horace clap his hands in vigorous approval of the orator's well developed bump of newspaper enterprise, viz.: exaggeration; and last but not least, an enormous banquet with roast turkey, deer, baked American delicacies and spiritual refreshment. We infer that there must have been some kind "liquid edifier" present, for we are told in plain English that they had a "grand time," and a "grand time" in New York is always interpreted to mean a reasonable quantity of weak wine topped by an unreasonable quantity of pure alcohol. But we suppose that these metropolitan newspaper celebrators were only following the way of the world and we do not wish to discourage the progress of the little sheet by seeming to withhold our congratulations, so here you have them: Boys, you have done well, and the NOTES magniloquently wishes your diminutive paper a happy future.

Literary.

LOYALTY IN THE SCHOOL

Loyalty in school; this is something which should be stamped upon the conscience of every well meaning and progressive student who attends a high school. How different is the lot of the scholar of to-day from that of our fathers. In those days schools were governed by "physical suasion"; in our time by "moral suasion." With schools as with everything, we find the beginning maintained by physical strength. They firmly believed in Solomon's much perverted maxim: "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Men of especial strength were hired to teach the schools, who were not adverse to using their muscle at every real or imaginary provocation.

Each delinquent was given a good thrashing, or was made to do something which was a very creditable imitation of the tortures imposed by the Inquisition. Stories are often related in which the whole school arose against the tyrant and deposed him from his throne. In fact there is a great similarity between the government of a school and that of a country. The highest form of civil government is a republic; this is true in a school. Both varieties of government have reached about the same degree of perfection. Scholars of to-day have privileges of which their fathers never dreamed. Indeed scholars are taught to govern themselves. A person begins at a very early age to distinguish the difference between right and wrong. Therefore at the age at which he enters a high school he is a capable judge of his own actions, and those of others; consequently he has all the requisites necessary to govern himself. A man in order to become a capable citizen of a republic must have arrived at a certain age, and *ought* to have acquired a certain amount of knowledge. We all want to become capable citizens, and in our school life should go far toward accomplishing that object. The strength of character which is put to the test in the schoolroom is no mean estimate of a person's individuality and his position in after life. If he gets into the habit of being loyal to his teacher and his school, this loyalty is very liable to be transferred to his business and his friends in after life.

Our school life is but the preparation for a long journey, and the habits acquired in the school house will affect our interests and those of our friends. The millenium in school government is not reached yet by any means, but is a great deal nearer to-day than it ever has been before. What feeling could be more gratifying to a person than that which arises from the consciousness of having been loyal to a cause which he knows is good?

I am familiar with a saying with which you perhaps are not; in spite of its peculiarity it is very good advice: "Don't be bashful in a good cause." I am sure that there is not a scholar in the R. H. S. who, if the chance was given him, would not vote for a purely republican form of government; one by the pupils and for the pupils. Any arrangement in order to be a success must receive the support of the whole school, as true success is never gained by half-hearted work. We all remember Mr. Wilson's "Roman Candle" scholar, and I don't think any of us want to be like him. Then let us be loyal and loyal in every sense of the word. I am sure we will never regret it.

PHINEAS TAYLOR BARNUM.

To every recreation lover, old or young, in this wide world the name of Barnum has been a sweet sounding word indicative of future or past pleasure; and the simple announcement that "Barnum is coming" has been a sure stimulant to push on the lagging energies of the small boy and been the cause of his putting forth strenuous efforts that he might with his hard-earned quarter go to the circus. The recent death of the great showman has caused a pang of regret in many a youthful breast; and memories of the pleasures and trials incident to a visit to "Barnum," with its menageries, three-ringed exhibitions, side shows and peanut venders, have made sad many a country youth's heart and caused his likewise country maiden to shed bitter tears.

P. T. Barnum was born in Bethel, Conn., July 5, 1810. His father was a tailor, a farmer and sometimes a tavern-keeper, and the youthful Phineas alternated between running errands, playing farmer and going to school. He early showed himself as a youthful financier and his pocket-book swelled with "four-pences," earned riding horses, leading ox teams and selling molasses candy, gingerbread, cookies and cherry rum.

After a short experience as a country clerk, which experience was somewhat enlivened by a visit to New York, where he displayed considerable ability in swapping his spare clothes for sundry rolls of metropolitan molasses candy, the death of his father caused a change in the family plans and Phineas, then fifteen years of age, went to Grassy Plain and secured a position in a small grocery story.

It was about this time that the young Phineas distinguished himself by falling head over heels in love; and his own story of his first meeting with Miss Charity Hallett, who afterwards became his wife, is a strange mixture of humorous and pathetic words intermingled with the displays of thunder and lightning incident to a stormy night in the country.

During the next three years nothing of note occurs in the life of young Phineas until in 1820 he concludes to upset the monotony of affairs by getting married, after which he settled down to the quiet business of a book-agent, store proprietor and amateur lawyer.

In 1831, as he states it, "circumstances partly religious and partly political," led him into the newspaper business and he published the first number of his own paper, *The Herald of Freedom*, in October. But youthful impetuosity resulted in several suits for libel, and in one he was sentenced to imprisonment in the common jail. However, this imprisonment did not depress his spirits, and upon his emerging from the jail he received a public ovation and found himself famous.

In 1835 the subject of our sketch found his vocation. He bought out an interest in a "remarkable negro woman" who was claimed to be the nurse of George Washington. From this he rapidly went from one feature to another, now traveling with a small circus in the South and living upon rye bread and sour butter, or exhibiting some "great freak of nature" in the prominent cities. In 1841 he came into possession of the American Museum of New York, and from that time his progress toward fame was steady. By strict economy he paid for the museum within twelve months.

From the minute that Barnum came into complete possession of the American Museum his success was assured, and before long he began to reach out after new attractions, and after exhibiting them for a time in the city would send them out over the country and thus in time built up the great traveling show so famous of late years. Nor were his efforts confined to the show business in its low interpretation alone. His higher ventures proved entirely successful and the "Swedish Nightingale," "Gen. Tom Thumb," and a host of public singers, speakers and lecturers owe their success to P. T. Barnum.

In his home life Mr. Barnum was kind, pleasant and full of energy, although his love of practical jokes made him at times a partially unsafe companion.

Of late years Mr. Barnum has resided at his pleasant home in Bridgeport, and it has been with true pride that he could look back upon a life of toil; a life that was a medley of private, public and political efforts, but nevertheless a life which was noted for its honesty, its true hearted gifts and fitly crowned in his last years by abundant wealth, a united family and numerous friends.

Exchanges.

The last issue of *Barbed Wire* was, if possible, more than usually bright and interesting, and we have to thank its editor, Mr. Deming, for many a hearty laugh, not to mention much food for sober reflection.

The Owl, a new exchange from Rockford, Ill., has a very good article upon "Essays." For the benefit of the A's we clip: "A person who is to write an essay is very much of an exception if he will begin at the bottom of the well to drill through bed rock for water. More likely he will try to gather a little moisture on a little composition paper—sometimes successfully, sometimes not (in the latter case the essay is said to be dry). Then he will label it, learn it, deliver it and say amen!"

Vermont has another addition to her list of amateur journals, *The Scholastic*, from White River Junction. It is, upon the whole, a creditable sheet, but the publication of the programmes of rhetorical exercises after they have taken place do not always produce the best results

THE DEBATING CLUBS.

The Minervans held their first meeting Friday, April 10, in the High School room. The roll call was answered by quotations from Shakespeare, and a most enjoyable afternoon was passed. The Secretary's report was read and accepted and after a short address by the President the following programme was rendered:

Piano Duet .....Misses Silliman and Pond
Recitation—"Mona's Waters" Miss Mary Metzger
Essay—"Soliloquies of a School Clock."
.....Miss Edith Dunton
Solo—"A Bird in Hand."....Miss Anna Kelley
Recitation—"St. Martin's Day,"
.....Miss Gertrude Sterl
Essay—"Lives of Eminent Women."
.....Miss Bessie Norton
Vocal Duet—"Beautiful Moonlight."
.....Misses Sleeper and Sedileau
Recitation—"Whistling in Heaven."
.....Miss Lizzie Kingsley

The boys' club held its meeting in the laboratory. The debate was upon the question: "Resolved, That minorities are as likely to be in the right as majorities." Affirmative, J. M. Spaulding and K. Campbell. Negative, R. O. Wooster and P. S. Goulding. The debate was well handled, and the witty sayings of Wooster and the forcible arguments of Spaulding added much to the interest of the occasion. The judges decided for the affirmative.

Notes.

Ar'-but-as.

Ar-but'-as.

"City of West Rutland."

"A French history loaned to somebody with a blue cover!"

McLallen, '93, has departed from the "classic shades of superior minds" and holds court in Fisher's drug store, where he will be pleased to gratify the ambition of his former school-mates, whether that ambition be for a "capsine plaster" or a penny's worth of the best bon-bons.

Several of the R. H. S. scholars attended the German given at Baxter Hall April 7, and all report a lovely time.

Miss Lucy Cheney, '92, was absent last week on account of sickness.

The Latin Reader class has begun in Cæsar. We wish them success.

The Physical Geography class will now drop that study and take History in its place. The poor "wretches" had a final examination last Thursday.

A girl in one of the grammar schools was asked to complete the sentence:—A runaway horse——. She did as follows: "A runaway horse broke loose."

Teacher—Who wrote the "Faery Queen?" Shining Light: "Francis Bacon."

The A class have had several meetings lately and at the last one the shade of yellow for the class color was decided.

Miss Mamie Pond, '93, and Miss Cassie Willis, '92, have decided not to return to school this term on account of ill health.

THE "ROSES" CLUB.

The "Old Rose Tennis Club" held a meeting in Miss Walker's room last Monday for the purpose of electing officers. Separate ballots were cast for President, Vice-President and Treasurer, and the following was the result: President, Miss Gertrude Sterl; Vice-President, Miss Helen Silliman, and Treasurer, Miss Cassie Willis. A committee consisting of Miss Gertrude Sterl, Miss Helen Silliman and Miss Bessie Norton was also appointed to see about getting the court on North Main street into condition.

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If this notice is marked it signifies that your subscription is due and must be paid at once.

COMMENCEMENT is drawing on apace and the NOTES is already anticipating the pleasure with which an expectant world is awaiting the new graduates. With wide open arms they should be received, for of all sensitive creatures on this cosmos the young graduate is the worst, and rough handling is sure to have a dispiriting effect. The NOTES is terribly anxious that the A's may step from the stage of school life into the boundless future in befitting style. We want our graduates to enter the procession of mortals that with hasty steps is moving toward the certain goal, the grave, with becoming solemnity not unmixed with thoughts of a brilliant future. And we think they will, at least a part of them, viz.: the girls. Now don't infer that we think the boys are not going to appear well, but there are so few of them—five all told—that even if they do make a few breaks, as they probably won't, it will not be noticed. The superior splendor of the young ladies will carry the thing safely through. We said "splendor," but that should be modified. Not the magnificence of a Solomon nor the gaudy coat of a Joseph could compete with the neat, pretty, etc., white dresses of the "sweet girl graduate!" Don't—but let us explain that we are not pretending to set up as a "modiste," for what we don't know about dress-making would fill a volume. But as we started to remark: Girls, don't wear jewelry, the class-pin is enough. And with a parting word to the boys—"Be gentlemen," we will drop the pen, the "old gray goose-quill," and await developments.

FROM the latest reports it appears that the Parnell envoys are not over delighted with the success they are having in extorting money from the American people. But their failure to make any profound impression upon Americans is not to be wondered at. It is always a matter of disgust to see a cause of such importance as that

of Ireland injured by puerile quarrels, and it will not be strange if the Irish representatives return to their native land with slim purses.

ANOTHER editorial string has broken its fastenings! Another supporting column in the arch of our school's literary enterprise has left its post of duty and with a draped pen we chronicle the departure of L. E. Campbell, our efficient business manager, to a wider field, viz.: The Rutland Savings Bank. We said "a wider field." The statement is true in two senses. There is more money to "boodleize" and likewise more chance to be honest. But we have no fears for Louis' honesty. We could safely assert that he would walk two miles to restore a tooth-pick which he had inadvertently taken from a restaurant table. Our best wishes go with thee, "O departed hero."

IT gives us great pleasure to announce the new editors for the NOTES as elected at a recent meeting of the present board: Chairman, J. Harwood Eggleston or James P. Goulding; literary editors, Miss Helen Silliman, J. Earl Clauson, and Miss Marion Haven; local editors, Miss Helen Goodale and Fritz Burnham; business managers, Arthur Keyes and ——— The new victims will be expected to commence work at once under the supervision of the present board.

A MORNING WITH THE CLUBS.

The boys' club, the "R. H. S. D. C.," met in the laboratory at 10:30, Friday morning. A small attendance of members was present. The new president, Richard O. Wooster, presided and dispensed justice with a lavish hand. After the business session, in which it was voted to abandon the intended "mock trial," a few May day quotations were given and Professor Ellsworth gave a very interesting talk upon the custom of observing the day. He said "the day was first observed in Nebraska, and in the first year over 1,000,000 trees were planted, and since that time 700,000 acres of trees have been set out. Vermont was the 38th State to notice the day. In England, Spain, Sweden and parts of France the day is beginning to be celebrated."

After Professor Ellsworth's remarks the debate was announced. The question, "Resolved, that education is a better qualification than property for suffrage," was well handled by Eggleston and Tuttle on the affirmative, and Sheldon and Poronto upon the negative. The affirmative supporters showed the better work, and although the debate of Sheldon upon the negative contained many good points, the judges, Stewart, Farrell, Goulding, K. Campbell and Lewis, brought in a verdict of 5 to 0 in favor of the affirmative. So ended one of the most interesting debates of the year.

The next debate will be held May 22, and the subject will be upon the advisability of the United States maintaining a navy.

THE "MINERVANS."

The Minervans met for the second time yesterday, in the High School room. In the absence of the secretary, May Sawyer was appointed secretary pro tem. After roll-call the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The following programme was then rendered:

Piano Duet—March from "The Prophet,"
Mary Metzger and May Sawyer
Essay—"An Outline History of India,"
Mamie C. Donnelly
Essay—"Founding of the East India Company,".....Gertrude E. French
Essay—"The Sepoy Rebellion," M. Lillian Heath
Essay—"The Literature and Mythology of India,".....Anna W. Humphrey
Piano Solo—.....Lillian J. Howe
Essay—"Government of India under England,".....Kate Hussey
Essay—"Customs in India,".....Sue G. Long
Essay—"The Opium Question,"
Blanche A. Verder
Essay—"The Women of India,"
Helen R. Goodale
Trio—"Over the Waves,".....Glover
Misses Willis, Norton and Spafford.

Literary.

AMHERST.

This year brings to Amherst College her 70th anniversary. Although there are probably 25 colleges and universities in this country which date their foundation prior to that of Amherst, yet she has to-day reached a position attained by very few collegiate institutions. Nearly every college man, and college woman, too, becomes more or less egotistical when speaking of his or her college, and unless one makes due allowance, one is almost convinced there can exist a hundred wonderful institutions of learning, each one of them "the best in the world."

But honestly, now, Amherst is situated among very picturesque scenery, and has, perhaps, as delightful environments as any college in America. Many men claim that the true college life cannot be found in the heart of a large city, as Columbia is situated, or at the country cross-roads, as in the case of Dartmouth. The beautiful, quiet town of Amherst, with its 5,000 inhabitants, lies in the beautiful valley of the Connecticut, upon the foothills leading up to the Holyoke range. Amherst College is indeed a college set upon a hill, and from the chapel tower a vast panorama, 25 miles long and 15 broad, is spread out before the charmed visitor. For three score and ten years this hill top has sent forth broad rays of educational light.

Amherst was the home of Noah Webster while he was preparing his famous dictionary, and as president of the first board of trustees of Amherst College he did much toward shaping the destiny of the institution. At first Harvard objected to the founding of the college, and Legislatures delayed the matter for several years. But in spite of this opposition, strong-minded men were determined to carry out their purpose. The college opened up with four men in the faculty and 59 students. To-day there are nearly 40 in the faculty, and 350 students in attendance. Co-education was tried at first, but that attraction was soon dropped. Still we have Smith College, at Northampton, only six miles away, with her six hundred women; and Mt. Holyoke College, with her three hundred, is only nine miles distant. So college girls are at least within calling distance.

Amherst College has been especially favored with remarkable presidents. Ex-President Julius H. Seelye last autumn closed a most prosperous term of fourteen years, being obliged to retire on account of his failing health. Dr. Merrill E. Gates, formerly president of Rutgers College, entered upon the duties of president Oct. 27, 1890. President Gates is rather a young man, but has already proven himself in every way to be a most gifted scholar, with wonderfully strong executive ability. Under the administration of President Gates, Amherst College can not help but retain and even raise the high standard she has always maintained.

We have many renowned doctors of learning and noted professors among the faculty. Dr. W. S. Tyler, the Williston professor of the Greek language, although over 80 years of age and for 55 years actively connected with the college, still conducts Greek recitations in a vigorous manner. Dr. Genung, who has the professorship of Rhetoric, is the author of Genung's Rhetoric, which has become such a renowned work.

The buildings connected with the college, with the exception of two ante-

diluvian dormitories, which will be torn down shortly, are fine structures and admirably suited to their purpose. Walker Hall is an imposing granite building which cost about $130,000. This is used for a recitation and lecture building. Williston Hall, a large brick building, contains the laboratories, and here are good facilities for individual work. A spacious stone library building is one of the best features of the college. Here, in positively fire-proof rooms, are found some 55,000 volumes. In the porch of this building is found a collection of slabs sculptured in the style of the Assyrian art, about 900 B. C., which were obtained from the palace walls of Sardanapalus at Nimroud. In the front of this building is the reading-room, which is very large and well lighted, and fitted up in an attractive manner. Free access is allowed the students to the shelves, and in this way they can become acquainted with the real use of a library, and a knowledge gained which could not be had in any other way. This department is under the care of two efficient librarians. Too much cannot be said of this library, and it has proven to be the most valuable retreat for the student for careful study. No live institution can afford to be without a well equipped library—one adapted to all kinds of college work.

The college church is one of the fine edifices. Here, the students, under a compulsory system, gather on Sundays for morning worship and vespers. The faculty, with their families and many of the students, constitute the membership. A resident pastor is employed and at present he is also the professor of Biblical literature. A flourishing Y. M. C. A. is doing much good. A missionary in the foreign field is supported, and it is through the influence of Amherst College that Mr. S. M. Sayford is doing Christian work among the colleges of our land. Amherst has graduated over 8,300 students, and of this number one-third have entered the Christian ministry.

We have a most excellent gymnasium, which is very commodious and contains almost every known appliance for the development of any muscle in the body. This building contains many baths, a bowling alley, sparring room, billiard room, and a fine base-ball cage, where the teams can practice in cold weather. This Pratt gymnasium with its splendid advantages is the most popular resort for all students. An endowed professorship of hygiene and physical education is the feature of this department, and, with two physicians in attendance, the physical education is by no means neglected at Amherst. The trustees recognize the fact that a man must be developed physically as well as mentally and morally. Gymnastic exercises are compulsory for all students. Every man upon entering college, and twice thereafter, is minutely examined as to his strength and physical condition, and advice is given as to the best course of taking exercise. Careful statistics are preserved, and it has been proven that, contrary to the general opinion of the outside world regarding the health of students, at Amherst, at least, the Senior is in better health than when a Junior, or when he entered. This is not a whimsical idea, but a solid fact. Outdoor athletics and sports are not only recommended but encouraged by the faculty. The trustees of Amherst rejoice as much over a base-ball victory as do the undergraduates. This is certainly as it should be. That college whose students are mighty in sinew, strong of

muscle as well as of mind, and have a will to use that power aright in an enthusiastic manner—that college will be the live, wide-awake institution; not a place where book-worms are manufactured, but where well-rounded men are influenced to study with manifold purpose.

Amherst has obtained a high reputation in all kinds of athletics. In base-ball and general athletics we obtained first place in 1890 over all New England colleges excepting Yale and Harvard. In 1872 Amherst won the famous boat race over the last two universities. But as the Connecticut River is four miles away, boating had to be given up. Great interest is taken in all athletics by all the men of the college. Money is of course given freely, yet this would amount to very little if it was not for the fact that the personal interest and encouragement of every man is given. Let us look at another form of athletics. Class rushes are indulged in occasionally between the Sophomore and Freshman classes. These are not as rough as generally supposed, and under the supervision of upper classmen, prove quite harmless.

As the town of Amherst is considerably smaller than Rutland, the college and student life is something quite unknown in the latter place. Here the students rule the town and defy the authorities. There is only one officer of the "copper type" here. It would shock the good people of the Marble City if they were to attend the theater in "cultured" Amherst and behold with what alacrity and precision the students join in with the performers when some stale tune is struck up, or when, between acts, college yells and songs are given for the benefit of the terrified show people.

The Amherst system of self government has become quite famous, and many colleges are rapidly following the example set them. By this system the students are directly interested in the affairs of government in the college, in so far that when any trouble occurs among the students, individually or collectively, the college senate is called into session. This senate, thus acting as a medium between faculty and students, is composed of ten men, elected by the classes, and the president of the college. This system has proved very successful.

Amherst is probably as near an ideal fraternity college as one could expect to exist. Here nearly 80 per cent of the students are members of one of the nine national secret societies represented at Amherst. There is also not the least opposition between society and non-society men.

Each one of the societies is the possessor of a beautiful home or chapter house. As President Seelye once said, "The rivalry between the societies is a healthy one, and is conducted openly and in a manly way; and these societies certainly give gladness and refreshment to our college life at Amherst."

There are two incidental but yet important ways in which Amherst and all Eastern colleges surpass their sisters in the West: First, in the daily and constant recognition of the colleges by the daily newspapers of our large cities, through regular correspondents from the college. In this way not only are the graduates kept acquainted with college doings, but those not especially interested can come more easily into sympathy with the college life. Secondly, by the local alumni associations, formed all over the country. Amherst has nine such associations situated in many of the large cities in the East,

West and even on the Pacific slope. These societies with their regular organization hold their annual banquet in midwinter and plan for the future good of their Alma Mater. This by no means detracts from the attendance or enthusiasm at commencement.

ALFRED TURNER, '88.

Amherst, April 25, 1891.

THE "A" SOCIABLE.

The A class was very pleasantly entertained on April 29, at the home of Miss Mattie Spafford. A musical and literary programme was rendered and choice refreshments were served. The latter part of the evening was devoted to producing artistic representations of a pig. Miss Heath obtained the prize for this novel entertainment. A most enjoyable evening was passed by all.

Notes.

"Mr. Tilly."

"The secant at the point of tangency."

"I can't write an essay. So there!"

Mr. Ellsworth spent the holiday in Saratoga.

Several of the R. H. S. scholars sing in the Festival chorus this year.

Miss Florence Patterson and Earl Clauson, '92, are suffering with pneumonia.

Miss Lucy Cheney, '92, has been very sick and will not return to school this year.

In simple justice to the debaters who participated in the debate which was noticed in our last issue, it is right to say that a mistake was made in our report of the meeting. The verdict was in favor of Messrs. Wooster and P. Goulding upon the negative, instead of for the affirmative, as reported in the NOTES.

The A class held a meeting in Miss Walker's room the other day but not much was decided. There was some discussion on the ribbon question, and Mr. John Sheldon was given the address to the Juniors on the all important June 19.

AN ODE TO "VENUS"(?)

[By R. O. Wooster upon observing the downcast countenance of an "A" after the sociable.]

Why that careworn look?
Why that sickly smile?
Are four girls too many
For even a little while?

The attention of our friends is called to the advertisement of the Albany Business College, which appears in this issue of our "NOTES." Quite a large number of young people from Rutland and various points in Vermont have attended the College, and so far as can be learned, have been very much pleased with the results of their work and of their treatment by the college proprietors. A business education furnishes an excellent finish to a High School course, and there is no doubt but some of our associates will be found at the college during the coming year.

It is a matter for congratulation to be able to chronicle the advent of a new competitor in the field of school musical enterprises. The young ladies' Glee Club, which has been organized several weeks, is an assured success, and at a recent meeting elected these officers: Miss Agnes Sedileau, '91, president; Miss Bessie Norton, '92, secretary; Mr. J. M. Spaulding, '91, pianist; and Miss Phinney, musical director. An editor had the pleasure of listening to the club's music not long since, and it produced a profound impression upon him. He speaks very highly of the young ladies.

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THIS late Chilian insurgent trouble with the United States, in which a United States war ship came out second best in the race from San Francisco to Acapulco, has been intensely interesting and caused much discussion in the prominent periodicals. Several newspapers have taken the stand that in pursuing the Itata this government has taken an altogether wrong course. Still others persist that we did not want to catch that insurgent vessel at all, and that the chase was a sort of "Betsey and me killed the bear" affair. If there is any truth in the last assertion, it places the United States in a decidedly ridiculous position. For the idea of sending a cruiser the length of the North American coast for mere effect would be extremely humorous were it not for the fact that the expense of such a course is worth consideration. But whatever the position of the government is on the question, the fact remains that our war vessel did not show up in very perfect style. A little naval brush between the Esmeralda and the Charleston might settle the discussion which vessel is the better. At least a little powder might be burned in order to give the whole affair a taste of reality, but there is strong reason to believe that the United States vessel would not be able to uphold the honor of our nation if any cannon balls were placed before the powder.

IT gives us great pleasure to announce that the arrangements have been completed for the publication of an extra large commencement number of the NOTES. The paper will consist of twenty-one pages of reading matter, including a full account of the graduation exercises, the class poem, the class history, the valedictory, the salutatory, the address to the Juniors and the reply, and more than the usual supply of editorials, notes and miscellaneous articles.

GIRLS are queer creatures! In our last issue we incidentally mentioned "the sweet girl graduates," and then gave a little sage advice in regard to style of dress, conduct and such matters to the class of '91. The boys took the affair in a lamb-like sort of apathy. The girls went for the editor. We have always upheld that a young lady looked decidedly prettier when she was slightly angry. But in this case we didn't have time to observe the truth of our theory. We necessarily became minus. However, we do remember something about an apology being wanted for "the editor's assumption that he was a 'Worth.'" Girls, for the land's sake wear anything you want to at commencement; even dress in sackcloth, and we wont pretend to know but that it is the richest silk or satin. If you exhibit as much beauty as you did spirit, the '91 graduation will be placed upon the scroll of immortality. We have apologized, but —"Croaked the raven, 'Nevermore.'"

DIPLOMATIC RESERVE.

"In this country there is no occasion or excuse for secrecy in anything the government does, and 'diplomatic reserve' is as absurdly out of place as that other solemn sham, the 'dignity of the Senate.' This is the people's country."—*Ex.*

In many cases there is no need of "diplomatic reserve," and an official secret should be the people's secret. There are certain instances, however, where a lack of "diplomatic reserve" would tend to injure the country or checkmate its most important moves. In this Chilian trouble a broadcast statement of the intended movements of the United States government or a publication of the sealed orders sent the Charleston, ordering a pursuit of the Itata, would have tended to make that pursuit entirely hopeless, as it would have given the insurgents a very important inkling into the true state of affairs and enabled them to have taken steps toward preventing the United States accomplishing its objects. As the affair turned out the insurgent vessel was not captured by the Charleston, but the truth of the possibilities remains all the same.

It will, of course, be admitted that the people should know the actions of their officials, but it does not necessarily follow that the information should be given out in cases where a public secret is a public evil. The government officials are the public servants, and from their positions are better judges of proper actions than the public at large. Also, they will be largely governed by the possibilities of being publicly chastised at the polls, in the future, if they do not take the best course in diplomatic affairs.

As to the "dignity of the Senate" being a "solemn sham," the fact that some of the ablest Senators of modern times have advocated, in extreme cases, secret senatorial sessions, and have, by their very presence as Senators, added to the senatorial dignity, goes far to prove its proper application.

By far the newest and most striking assertion in our editorial contemporary's article is that "This is the people's country." What an illustrious idea to originate in one editorial brain. Almost as strange a fact as the statement that the United States is in America. Well, anyway, we are glad to hear it. Anything so new and interesting as that statement always strikes us as forcibly as did Dean Swift's story of the man who was going to extract sunbeams from cucumbers and make gunpowder out of ice.

Literary.

HOW SPRING AND SUMMER CAME.

Mother Nature's yearly clock struck three, which meant to her that a little more than three months were past and it was time for her to begin the year's work.

She quickly threw aside her snowy coverings, beneath which she had so warmly slept, and soon had her work planned.

First, she must send word to her chief gardener, "Old Sol," and engage him to come the next day with his band of workers to clear up the earth before she could send for her musicians to take part in "the Musical Festival season," which was always held in honor of Mother Nature's child l'Été, or Summer.

As she was thus planning, a whistle sounded outside her door, and in a few moments young "West Wynd" entered. "You are just the one I wish to see. Are you going home soon?" she cried. "Yes, Mother Nature, right away. Any message?" "If you can see 'Sol' before he goes to bed I wish you would tell him to do his best for me the rest of the year," replied Mother Nature.

"All right," and "West Wynd" was soon out of sight.

After "West" left, Mother Nature called on Jack Frost, a mischievous winter tenant of her dominion, and after some threatening persuasions, he was induced to promise to leave the country if he could return by the eleventh hour, or in November.

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Quite early the next morning "Old Sol" appeared and went to work with such a bright face that the cold-hearted frost and ice were glad to follow their leader Jack.

As the clock struck four, Mother Nature woke her youngest child Printemps, or Spring.

Printemps was often very late in arising, but this time she was soon ready for work with her arbutus-tinted complexion and her violet-blue eyes, refreshed by the recently released waters. Taking a small willow whistle with her, she soon appeared and made all ready for her older sister, l'Été. In a few hours, when the clock struck six, or in merry June, we should say, the musicians came to begin their concerts. The string instruments of the insect band, the drumming of the partridge corps and the whistling of birds' serenading chorus greeted Printemps and l'Été, otherwise known as the Spring and Summer of 1891.

—X. Y. Z.—

RATHER INTERESTING.

The witty reply of one of the lower grade scholars to her teacher's unwarranted use of slang embodied a well merited rebuke and is worthy of record upon the page of literary noticeabilities.

It appears that the student in question desired to seek information from the teacher upon some point in connection with the lessons and therefore started for the pedagogical desk, but unfortunately did not move with sufficient alacrity to meet the teacher's approval and was somewhat surprised to hear the instructor's awe-inspiring tones commanding her to "get a gait on" herself.

Although naturally slightly taken back, the precocious child managed to answer in clear accents, "I have no hinges to hang it on." The later outcome of this word combat is not chronicled, but the known facts are sufficient to cause a smile by the advocates of school propriety.

Notes.

"Lemon-drops."

"Miss Martha."

"In the much gloom."

"The year lasted only until the end of the year."

The "Minervans" expect to have a debate at the next meeting, May 22.

Boston Teacher: Define nephew. Small Girl: It's when your niece is a boy.

John Stearns, '94, has been appointed assistant Business Manager of the R. H. S. NOTES.

The address to the Juniors, on the evening of June 19, has finally been given to John Spaulding.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational C. E. Society, Miss Bessie Norton, '92, was elected treasurer

"Essays" is the cry of the A class, and great is the delight of those lucky members to whom selections have been assigned.

A brilliant B is unable to comprehend how two articles can be properly used with one noun, as is done in speaking of "the A class."

The daily news report, in which the most important matters, both foreign and domestic, are brought before the school, seems to be enjoyed by all.

The Old Rose Tennis Court on North Main street, has been put into good condition, and tennis is the order of the day among the girls of the club.

Found—A young lady who has spent twenty minutes trying to commit the first four stanzas of "The Raven," and failed. She must have been "*sleepy.*"

The class in Original Geometry is laboring with the area of parallelograms, and one brilliant youth declares that the area of a figure whose base is 12 and area 4½ is 50.

Many of the High School scholars, especially those who had their exercises ready for use, were greatly disappointed by the postponement of the tennis game on Friday.

Some of the R. H. S. boys have decided to have a tennis court where they can practice and improve their already excellent playing, before appearing before the public.

The Grammar A Cæsar class seems to be the favored class of the school. Not only does it recite a whole period in the morning, but also often has a private session after four o'clock.

That music has the power to charm beasts has been lately proved in the High School room by the fact that when the piano has been in use it has been accompanied by a canine chorus.

The members of Prof. Colcord's Modern History class report that they enjoy his instructive lectures on the French Revolution, but they wish the School Board would furnish them with stenographers.

The latest fad of the members of the graduating class is to have their photographs taken, and then exhibit them to every one in school, and, worst of all, to keep exhibiting them until the awful lie: "How handsome!" or the gospel truth: "It does you justice!" is uttered.

Monday evening, while Mr. Clark Long was driving, with his family, on North Main street, his horses became frightened and threw out the occupants of the carriage, and Miss Susie Long, '91, was detained from school the remainder of the week on account of injuries received.

Our Alumni.

'89.—Miss Jessie Clauson will graduate from the Castleton Normal School next month.

'57.—Mr. George H. Verder has been suffering from the popular malady, "la grippe," the past week.

'89.—Miss Lena Curtis has returned home from the Emerson School of Oratory in Boston, where she graduated last week, taking the degree of O. B.

'65.—A. O. Cunningham has sold out his clothing trade to David B. Twigg, who will continue the business.

'85.—Henry C. Pierce and family have arrived in Santa Barbara, Cal., where they will reside for the future.

'89.—Miss Arvilla Styles has taken a position as bookkeeper at Ensign's market on Madison street.

'89.—Charles E. Woodward, Munger and Peabody have taken unto themselves safety bicycles, and look very happy.

'85.—Frederick Sullivan is suffering at his home from an attack of the fashionable health destroyer.

'64.—Kingsley K. Hannum, the chief potentate and all high ruler of the fire department, will officiate as supreme deity at the firemen's celebration, July 4. It will be a success.

'79.—W. W. Eggleston will graduate from the Chandler Scientific department of Dartmouth in June, 1891.

'87.—Mrs. A. B. Campbell, *née* Carrie Kingsley, died at the home of her father, upon Elm street, Saturday evening, May 16, after a long and painful illness. In her class she was one of the brightest students, a favorite with all her classmates. For several years previous to her marriage she was a teacher in the graded district Her funeral, Monday, was largely attended, many of her classmates, several teachers and a number of her former pupils being present.

Exchanges.

The Student proposes that an exhibit of amateur journals be made at the coming World's Fair. If properly considered and carried out, such a plan would result in adding a most attractive exhibit to the exposition.

The Adjutant, from the Vermont Episcopal Institute of Burlington, presents itself in our sanctum, labelled Vol. 1., No. 1. The first number is a creditable production, and it is to be hoped that the editors may maintain and improve its standard of excellence.

The young lady editors of the *Hamilton College Monthly* do us the honor to reply to our recent exchange article as follows: "*The Rutland High School Notes* pays us a very nice compliment and then adds: 'We are beginning to imagine that women can do something beside wielding a broom-handle or scolding a young man.' Could this young man see us tidying our rooms of a morning he would know that we could do the one, and before we get through this he will know that we can, if needs be, do the other. The idea of a man saying, '*We are beginning to imagine.*' Does he not know that women are today filling, and that creditably, almost any position of honor or trust that was formerly considered the inherent right of man? Open your eyes, young man. Look around you and see what women are doing, and do not say any more that you are *beginning* to imagine, but rather you know." Oh, my! It is probable that if we were not possessed of an unlimited amount of cour-

age, as men always are, we should feel like posting the young ladies' literary production upon the door of our sanctum, draping it in black and with a good supply of the traditional sackcloth and ashes on either side, and a bunch of pale blue forget-me-nots in our hands, patiently seat ourselves before the aforesaid production and wait the coming of the millenium, when woman will lose her scolding nature and become as pleasant and peaceful as the refreshing breeze of an awakening summer. But, seriously, we are sorry that our article carried the impression that we are not admirers of the women who "are to-day filling, and that creditably, almost any position of honor or trust that was formerly considered the inherent right of man," as it is our desire, as it should be the desire of every member of the superior sex, to encourage and aid the struggling sisters of to-day but the coming rulers of the world.

CUPID AGAIN.

Wednesday evening, May 13. at her home on West street, Miss Grace French was married to Mr. W. H. Davis, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Gibbs Braislin. The floral decorations were elaborate; the friends in attendance many; and the presents numerous. In short, everything combined to send two more R. H. S.-ites into the world in befitting style

BASE BALL TEAM.

The R. H. S. ball nine, as reorganized this spring, has Guy Parkhurst, captain and E. B. Davis, manager. The club's former captain and pitcher, Baldwin, and left fielder Sawyer do not play with them this year, but the club hopes to make good the deficiency. The club at present numbers nine members, viz: Parkhurst, Channell, Davis, Welsh, Gilrain, Jenne, Griffith, Eggleston and Stewart. Practice has already commenced and the reputation gained last year bids fair to be eclipsed by this well organized team. Games with Poultney, Middlebury and other towns, including possibly the Burlington High School nine, are in view.

THE FIRST GAME.

The boys played their first game, Saturday, May 9, and it resulted in their defeat. The contestant team pretended to be the old "Hustler" nine, but instead was composed of picked players, including one from West Rutland. The game was not close enough to be very interesting, but still the R. H. S. boys need feel little discouragement in losing the game. It is always hard to play against a traitor in the team, to say nothing of an umpire whose decisions were slightly flavored for the benefit of the picked-up nine.

Both batteries did good work. The batting of H. Odell of the picked nine was a prominent feature, as was a good double play made by Parkhurst and Channell. This is the score:

HIGH SCHOOL.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Parkhurst, c	5	0	1	0	8	3	1
Griffiths, p., r. f.	5	2	3	0	0	7	0
Channell, 1b	4	2	1	0	6	1	1
Jenne, 2b	5	0	3	0	1	1	2
Welch, 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson, s. s	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
Leonard, l. f.	4	0	2	0	0	0	1
Lane, c. f.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Eggleston, r. f., p.	4	1	2	0	0	2	2
Totals	39	5	13	0	15	14	11

PICKED NINE.

	AB.	R.	BH.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.
Brown, 3b	4	4	2	0	1	0	1
Managan, 1b	3	4	2	0	6	0	0
Hurley, c	3	2	2	0	9	3	3
Odell, 2b	5	1	3	0	1	2	0
O'Burn, r. f.	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Reardon, p	5	1	2	0	0	5	0
Hinchey, l. f.	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Corcoran, s. s.	4	1	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	33	14	15	0	17	10	7

SCORE BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
R. H. S.	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	— 5
Picked Nine	3	0	1	4	0	3	3	0	x	— 14

Earned runs—R. H. S., 3; Picked Nine, 4. Two base hits—Odell, Griffiths, Brown and Eggleston. Three base hit—Odell. Stolen bases—R. H. S., 6; Picked Nine, 4. Base on balls—R. H. S., 4; Picked Nine, 7. Struck out—R. H. S., 12; Picked Nine, 9. Double plays—Parkhurst and Channell.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE.

THE Commencement issue of the NOTES will appear June 20th. It is intended to send out the papers the next day after the exercises. The issue will be, as stated in our last number, of an extra large size, 24 pages at least, and probably 28, making the NOTES of that edition as large as any bi-weekly High School paper published in the United States. It will contain a full account of the Musicale and Graduation exercises. Also the valedictory, class song, class poem, class history, address to the juniors and the reply, class prophecy and an extra amount of editorial, local alumni and miscellaneous matter. The afternoon account of the Commencement exercises will be especially complete, as Mr. Harry Engels has kindly consented to report them. But a limited number of papers will be issued and persons desiring extra copies must notify the management this week. No scholar will be allowed more than ten copies. They will be sold at 10 cents a copy.

THIS persecution of Jews by the powers of Europe is tending to incite quite an interesting discussion among the students of Bible history. It has been suggested that Palestine, the old home of the Jews, be opened up by Turkey and that they be allowed to return to their ancient possessions. If this is done it will go far toward fulfilling the biblical prophecy and, as promised in the Bible, astonishing developments may be expected after seven years have been passed by God's old people in their old land.

There is another phase of this same question that is of much interest to Americans. Of all the Jews now being expelled from Russia, probably nearly 1,000 per day, the great majority are heading toward America If all the outcasts from Europe, not only Jews, but Italian Mafiaites, German convicts and English scapegraces, are to be allowed to enter America, it

won't be long before our boasted land of freedom will be nothing more than a rendezvous of thieves; a happy ascension (or descension) starting place for Europeans, perhaps, but nevertheless an untenable macaroni, stilleto, and foaming beer paradise for peacefully inclined Americans.

THAT TREE SPECULATION.

Our wise fathers fell first upon their knees,
And then upon the cemetery trees.

Now that the cyclone has passed and older heads have expressed their ideas upon this tree cutting in Evergreen cemetery, it may be safe and proper for us to relieve our minds.

There are unquestionably certain cases when little George Washington's cherry tree *v.* hatchet episode might be properly imitated, but this is certainly not one of them. To despoil surroundings as neat and pretty as those at the cemetery for the sake of saving a few paltry dollars is contemptible in the extreme, and should certainly be denounced. Of course it is possible, and in this instance probable, that the gentlemen in charge of the affair thought they were accomplishing a public benefit, but they were in fact proving the truth of the old maxim that, "e'en the wise are sometimes mistaken." Effectual measures should be taken that no further damage of this kind is perpetrated. If this disease is contagious we might prescribe that careful watch be kept over the "man that does the marking;" and by the way there are several good solid hitching posts over there that might prove an attraction to future men or spirits with a "saw mill mania." We move that the Kingsley Guard or the High School Cadets be deputed to guard their sacred branches.

Our annual musical treat has passed and in a musical sense it was a truly artistic success. But it does not reflect much credit upon the people of Rutland that the Association comes out some $1100 in arrears An institution as worthy of patronage as the Music Festival Association should be supported. Rutland's reputation has been enhanced ten 'fold by her music festivals, and if she can not rally to support them she does not deserve success. Our festivals are conceded to compare favorably with those of the largest cities in the country, and Herr Zerrahn even claimed that Friday's rendering of the "Arminius" was superior to the interpretation of the same work by the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston, even though it was led by the composer himself. Instead of allowing the festivals to fail for lack of financial patronage, Rutland should have pride enough to see to it that they are continued. It is not fair to expect the Association to make up deficiencies that are caused by Rutland's apathy. It is not too late even now to redeem the past, and a little enthusiasm in the shape of a small subscription from every music-loving citizen would go far to insure a still better festival next year and to show that Rutlanders are Vermonters.

A PARAPHRASE.

X. Y. Z.

Listen! The wild birds out by the sea announce the coming of June, and the swarming of bees also show that Summer is at hand.

Then do the opening of the hawthorn buds, and the fluttering of the fruit blossoms, proclaim the appearance of June.

Those who travel by sea know which month to journey in. The breath and fragrance of the Hesperides is also gained by the beautiful month of June.

Literary.

AN AFTERNOON WALK.

M. L. M.

One spring afternoon I was sitting in school thinking dreamily of some pleasure in store for the next day, when it suddenly occurred to me that it would be a fine time to go and see a favorite teacher, who was recovering from a long and serious illness So, as soon as school was dismissed I started for my teacher's home, which was some three or four miles from the school house. My way extended for about a mile through the streets of the town; then I took the railroad track.

As I went along I saw dark objects at the farther end of the track, which, on coming nearer, proved to be two women leaning against an embankment. The elder was smoking a clay pipe, the other, I should say from the motion of her mouth, was chewing gum.

Following the track a little farther, I soon came to the road that led to my destination. Feeling rather tired I sat down on a fence near by. From my resting place I could get a very pretty view; broad green meadows stretching nearly to the foot of the mountains, where a few farm houses stood, nearly hidden by the trees, the deep, blue hills contrasting very prettily with the cloudless pale-blue sky, and all seeming to be tinted with the sun's golden light. The trees were all budding into their summer foliage, the pussy-willows along the road already looked like fur, and to add to this beautiful picture, the birds were singing merrily.

Somewhat rested, I proceeded on my journey, and soon came to a wooden bridge, built across a small brook. The stream which usually flowed quietly along, was flowing swiftly, on account of a heavy rainstorm the day before. As I leaned over the side of the bridge and looked into the brook, I could see through its clear, transparent waters many brightly colored pebbles on its bottom, while in a little pool I saw innumerable minnows and other small fish. I continued my walk and soon came to another stream, entirely different from the first. This seemed to come from some hilly portion of the country. It was bordered on both sides by willow trees which hung nearly into the water; and as the foaming waters came dashing over the stones, it formed a small but very pretty cascade.

The water looked so cool and clear that I searched around the place for something in which I could get some water to drink. Finally I saw a white birch tree, from which I stripped enough bark to make a cup. By means of this rudely constructed article, I was able to get enough water to quench my thirst, and I left the place much refreshed.

I was looking at the beautiful sky and watching some distant cattle grazing in the meadows, and some small children gathering cowslips, when before I knew it, I was at the gate of my teacher's home, having enjoyed a most delightful walk.

MEDITATIONS OF A SCHOOL MOUSE.

"What a queer place," thought the little brown mouse, as he looked around the R. H. S. room from his hole by the steam pipe.

He had just moved into his home a few hours ago, and this was his first peep at classic surroundings.

"I don't see any enemy," continued brownie, "unless those large things on the floor at the other side of the

room, by that boy, are a new member of the cat family."

Thinking in this way the mouse scampered up the aisle near his home till he reached a place where were shelves filled with books.

As he had not been seen, he climbed up on these shelves and watched what was going on.

"This must be what they call a school, and those at the queer little tables are the scholars."

"I wonder who that man at the big table is; he looks very wise, and I think he sees me, so I will hide."

So the mouse seated himself on the top shelf between two books.

He then began to draw his conclusions from what he saw.

"See that piece of paper, and there goes another, and another. Oh! It isn't meant for me, anyway; that boy picked it up, and some one else has the other."

"Why look there, those big things by that boy are carrying him right out of the room. My! What a noise they make, they must be what Mr. Mouseer calls boys' feet."

"I guess I've seen all I want to from this place, and now that that thing they call a Latin class is through talking, I'll see what's in that big basket;" and the mouse left the shelves for the waste basket.

"What a feast," said mousy, as he jumped into the basket.

"Oh me! I like candy, and some one must have known my weakness for apple and orange seeds, and there is paper enough for a mousy's castle; if there wasn't so much writing on it I'd like it better, but here are three or four blank sheets."

The mouse became very much interested in tearing open a ball of paper and did not notice what was going on in the room.

The algebra class was passing by the table on the way to the class-room, when one of the girls dropped a large piece of paper on mousy's devoted head.

Mousy jumped and so did the girl, and her cry was echoed by many on the girls' side of the room, as mousy jumped from the basket and made for his hole.

At this prospect of fun the boys with one idea in view, (to make as much of a time as possible) started for poor mousy.

After a long chase over desks, under desks, and on mousy's part, sometimes into them, mousy escaped in spite of a well aimed blow by a young fellow whose pompadour fairly stood up straight with excitement.

It was useless to have quiet and the young professor realizing the fact, dismissed school, wishing that in the future they would be free from such visitors.

A WITNESS.

A GOOD GAME.

The R. H. S. nine went to Middlebury last Saturday and played the High School team of that place. It rained all the forenoon and part of the afternoon, making good playing impossible. The first inning the M. H. S. allowed the R. H. S. to bring in 7 runs and soon changed their pitcher for another, who had better success, throwing a straight, swift ball, and placing most of them as high as the striking limit would allow. It was the first time the R. H. S. boys had played together, while the Middlebury team had played several games, and exhibited good results of experience and practice; after their first inning they played a steady game, which goes a long way in a ball contest. The home team has yet a deficiency in the box. Two pitchers were retired from that position Saturday. During the last inning Stewart, by means of swift balls and the gathering dusk, was able to do very effective work. Only seven and one half innings were played, the Middleburys in the latter part of the seventh leaving the field, claiming that it was too dark. The R. H. S. team was ready and anxious to play out the nine innings, and claim the game forfeited upon the refusal of their opponents to finish the game. At the finish the score stood 16 to 17 in favor of Middlebury, but going back to even innings, and considering the game forfeited, it stands 9:0 in favor of Rutland.

A game is expected next Saturday with the Troy Conference Academy team of Poultney, and the Middlebury nine will probably play the return game here a week from next Saturday.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Last Friday the rhetorical exercises were greatly enjoyed by all, the occasion being the commemoration of the civil war. The room was very tastily decorated with pine, lilacs and buttercups. The pictures were draped with the national flags, and the whole presented a very pretty effect, which was due to the untiring efforts of the "C's." The following programme was rendered:

Song—"The Star Spangled Banner,".....School
Talk—Vicksburg.....W. Sterl
Essay—Abolitionists in Literature..Miss Naylon
Reading—"A Battle,".....J. Farrell
Talk—The Mobile Campaign.....P. Goulding
Reading—"Killed at the Ford,"....Miss Jackson
Essay—Abolitionists in Politics.....Miss Fisher
Song—"Marching through Georgia,".....School
Short Address:.....Gen. Ripley
Reading—"The Blue and the Gray," Miss Smith
Talk—"The Monitor,".....W. Dunton
Essay—Abraham Lincoln as a Hero, Miss Farmer
Reading—"The Courtesies of War,".K. Campbell
Talk—Battle of Gettysburg.....Miss Hanson
Song—"America,".....School

THE CLUBS' MEETINGS.

The Boys' Debating Club held their regular meeting in the laboratory Friday, May 22, at 2.30 o'clock.

The subject for debate was "Resolved, That the United States should have a powerful navy and coast defences."

Lewis and Davis upheld the affirmative, while Goulding and Burnham supported the negative.

Both sides showed that they had given the subject careful thought and many good points were shown.

The judges rendered a decision of three affirmative and two negative.

This is the programme for the debate, June 12:

ESSAYS.

"Review of the year's work." A. H. Keyes.

"Benefits derived from work in the club" J. P. Goulding.

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MINERVANS.

The "Minervans" met in the High School May 22d, and their first debate, "Resolved, that hope of reward is a greater incentive to labor than fear of punishment," was taken up

Misses Sawyer, Silliman and Spafford were on the affirmative, and Misses Bailey, Schryver and Sterl on the negative.

The debate was decided in favor of the negative.

This debate was the debut of the "Minervan" society as a debating club, and the arguments advanced and the parliamentary tactics indulged in showed that the girl of the 19th century is fully abreast of the times.

At their debate June 12, this programme will be rendered:

Piano Solo, - - Daisy Hutchinson

DEBATE.

Resolved, That it is a better plan to rank scholars according to the results of written examinations than according to the results of daily recitations.

Affirmative, Florence Patterson, Agnes Fisher; negative, Helen Goodale, Etta Franklin.

Report of judges.

Vocal Solo, - - - Agnes Sedileau.

Notes.

"Fellow-sisters!"

"Formidolosissimumque."

"Class in——next class!"

"Yes, she was she!"

"Equal radii of the same circle."

"The naid of the avy."

"See the boys that aren't here!"

On account of the Music Festival the public schools held but one session, from half past eight until one, on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Alice Long, formerly a member of the class of '92, is home, after a long visit in the West.

Miss Edson, at one time a member of the class of '89, who has been studying music in Boston during the past winter, has returned to Rutland.

Miss Susie Long, '92, will not be able to return to school this term. She expects, however, to take the examinations, in order to join her class again next year.

Examinations are expected soon in the High School room. Those of the A's will probably be given first, so that the valedictorian and salutatorian may be decided upon, and their essays prepared.

The social meetings of the scholars in the High School and recitation rooms are enjoyed more by the scholars themselves than by the teachers.

Miss Stearns, '89, Miss Cheney, formerly of '92, and Miss Pond, '93, were present at the last meeting of the "Minervans."

Earle Clauson, '92, who has been out of school, owing to severe illness, will not return this year.

Miss Edith Dunton, '93, returned to school Monday, after an absence of two weeks, on account of sickness.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, and Miss Fannie Kingsley, '88, both teachers at Saxton's River, were at home for the festival.

June pinks are in blossom, and judging from the bouquets the boys have brought from Pine Hill, must be very abundant.

If the people of Rutland had taken as much interest in the music festival and had attended the concerts as often as did the High School scholars, there would have been no deficiency to report. It sometimes happens that the wisest of the wise can learn patriotism to home interests from young students.

Wanted—An Answer.—A man and a woman, after three weeks of wedded life, were parted by mutual consent. The man became a grass-widower and the woman a grass-widow. If the grass-widow marries a grass-widower, or if the grass-widower marries a grass-widow, and if they have children, would the children be grass-hoppers?

On Monday, May 25, was held the first class meeting of the Juniors. The following officers were elected: President, James Goulding; vice-president, Stella Clark; and secretary and treasurer, Martha Bailey. Harwood Eggleston was chosen to reply to the address of the Seniors on June 19th. No definite plan concerning the decoration of the Opera House was made, but this will probably be considered at an early meeting.

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WITH this number the R. H. S. NOTES closes its second volume. For two years its existence has been a sort of probation, as it were: a new factor in the school work, the success of which was unassured. But it is to be hoped that period of probation is past. Certain it is that the NOTES has gained a niche of its own in our school which will be unsightly and unpleasant in its emptiness should the paper be discontinued.

From the moment of its foundation, with W. B. Baldwin as controlling genius and originator, the NOTES has aimed to be the organ of the school. And we think it has succeeded. It has not been as large a paper as some of its exchanges, but the matter printed in its columns has been fresh, readable and entirely original, although at times crude and unpolished. The management from the first has aimed to exclude "clippings" and extracts from its make up, and the result has been a paper that is of more practical benefit and utility than a journal made up wholly or in part of matter taken from other papers could possibly be. It is a matter for congratulation that the NOTES of the past has attained so high a standard in the critical scale of school journalism. But while in this, the last issue of volume II, we old scribes lay down the peaceful quill and

applaud the success of the NOTES in the past we add to that applause a hearty wish and belief that the NOTES of the future will be more distinctly the organ and pride of the Rutland High School than ever before; that it may increase in size and worthiness; and that it may be so loyally supported by the student body that it will take its place in the front rank of school papers.

WELL! The class of '91 has taken its leap into the ethereal regions of the future in befitting style. Its last rocket has been discharged and by the falling sparks of "gold and white," the graduates stood illumined in simple radiance. The radiance of reflection from duties well performed, and courses of study honestly completed. The "sweet girl" and "noble boy" graduates of '91 have been applauded for the last time. But the sweetness of girls will always remain as truthful tradition, while the nobleness of the boys will ever be found on the page of recorded greatness.

In the reaction of darkness that will follow the clearing away of the smoke from the graduating exercises of 1891, it will be strange indeed if the class is not plunged into a reverie of sorrowful recasts. The past years of their school life have been filled with the pleasantest experiences of a lifetime; experiences that in the hard struggle for a livelihood will not soon be forgotten. The members of the class have passed the medium goal of their existence and have emerged into the broad highway of hard, toiling work. If they have brought with them the material for a successful life's foundation they have a strong connection with the pleasant past that will not be easily severed. If they have learned nothing that will be of service to them in their future occupations, their lot is indeed a most miserable and unhappy one. They have thrown away the best part of their existence and are like straws upon the surface of the ocean; to be tossed and tumbled about, but, unless it be by some fortunate chance, to advance little if any in the scale of improvement and success.

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The great fault with new fledged graduates is that they somehow gain the idea that they know everything. The universe has in some way or other, strange though it may seem, managed to turn over once every year before the graduate came into existence, and it is possible and nearly probable that she will continue to roll from now until the millenium without any assistance from the new school upstart of production. But to make the young graduate believe it would be a worse job than Socrates used to have in calming the ruffled temper of his ever angry spouse. The only way to get around the matter is to withdraw to a distance and patiently wait for the newly educated chicks to sprout wiser feathers. They will come to the hard-pan reality of affairs sooner or later, and settle humbly down to rest after their flight of self-esteem fancy.

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The venerable Mr. Punch had the habit of advising young people about to marry in one simple word, "Don't." The aged old gentleman had quite an intelligent head upon his ancient shoulders. But he was talking about marriage. We are striving to say nothing about something, but if we do inadvertently remark something about something or nothing it will be something out of the ordinary line of our orations and will consequently be something worth throwing away and nothing worth keeping as something. Mr. Punch must have been quite a respectful sort of a fellow. We can picture him as a short, tall man of small stature, with great big little eyes of penetrating fierceness; drossed in small, snuff-colored waistcoat a great deal too big for him, and plain frescoed trousers of yellow blue "quill satin," white stockings and a derby stovepipe hat. To top this combination he must have been possessed of an unlimited amount of self assurance. Imagine a man of his stamp drawing his clay meerschaum pipe from his mouth and passing his judgment upon the marriage question with a half grunted "Don't." Upon the matrimonial problem Mr. Punch was a miserable failure. As an example of overpowering pride he was a blushing success. To all persons, graduates or no, with a tendency to fall in love with themselves, honorable Mr. Punch's "Don't" is an appropriate warning to be heeded and obeyed. Do!

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"Virtue is like a rich stone, best plain set," said old Francis Bacon some hundred years ago, and we guess the old fellow was right. To see a man go sailing along with a great large "I am" sort of pomposity is to jump at the conclusion that a screw is loose and rattling somewhere in his upper story. To see a meek, lowly, non-prancing specimen of humanity meander through the range of our vision is to somehow form an impression that there is more to his meekness than appears upon the surface. And those impressions and conclusions generally fall but little short of the truth. It is a nice feeling to be conceited, but it is seldom that conceit is well founded, and the chances are ten to one that an overbearing pride will prove a serious stumbling block in its owner's pathway. Shots at random sometimes strike the target. If we have hit any of you graduates or non-graduates, the best thing for you to do is to put your conceit in your pocket and hie yourself out of range of truthful criticisms.

IT is with true sorrow that we take up our pen to write the last editorial; to make the last correction of copy; and to say a farewell to those associations that have been so closely interwoven in the past two years of our life. Our duties upon the NOTES have been full of pleasantness and we would be loath indeed to resign the pen and paste-pot were it not that we are sure of worthy successors.

We think we can truly say that the NOTES the past two years has been a success. Although but a youngster of two summers it has earned its place in the school as one of the most profitable educational factors of the work. It has from the first been handled and criticised gently by many friends and few foes. And we think it has improved. But we trust to see the improvement still more marked in the future. There are many points in the general make up, in size and style, that can be remedied next year.

Beecher used to remark that "an empty carriage makes the most noise," and we are well aware that we have been somewhat loud and boisterous, but the editors of '92 will profit by our shortcomings and gauge their conduct accordingly.

As we stated at first, it is with sorrow that we resign the pen. There has not been a single duty in the entire two years, the performance of which has not been thoroughly enjoyable.

We shall miss the routine of the work. We can imagine ourselves at the end of every two weeks wildly pushing a quill on some hackneyed editorial or semi-humorous note, and having finished it, taking with gleesome steps our copy, not to the printers, but to the waste basket, in whose sacred depths it will repose serenely until recalled to the reality of life by the hired girl's ungentle placing in the stove.

Thanking our friends who have so generously patronized and advertised with us; the printers who have been so kind in correcting our many mistakes; and the school and teachers who have so helpfully assisted us in our work, we close by wishing the NOTES of '92 and the future a GLORIOUS SUCCESS.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1891.

LOUIS EDWARD CAMPBELL.

To me, as historian of the class of '91, has been assigned the duty, not of chronicling the rise and fall of some mighty nation or nations, but something greater and far more lasting, the rise of '91 through the several phases of school life.

In all probability, were Gibbon or Hume present, they would hide their faces and blush to hear me called a historian, but they would readily see the mistake, as I did, when the class conferred on me the post of class historian.

We are, or more properly ought to have been, the class of '90, but for the thoughtfulness and foresight of our honorable Board of Education who deemed it necessary (I suppose because they thought we were going into the world too rapidly) to put in an extra year and thus make us Grammar A's for two years instead of one, as has been the case with most classes. But perhaps it was well enough, for in that time we were only gaining strength to become the most energetic and business-like class that ever graced the High School room.

And also by this slight interruption in our onward progress we got a good start and had the privilege of being "Monarchs of the H. S. Room" for two years. So perhaps we made up for lost time in upholding our high position, which we did most magnificently, in our own estimation.

We entered the High School, meek and lowly of mind, under the instruction of Mr. H. O. Aiken, and now we come out, very bold and "lion-hearted," under Mr. J. A. Ellsworth, but during the time spent we have also been under the tutorship of Professors Folsom, Wilson, Alger, Colcord, and Preceptresses Walker and Kelley and also of Mrs. Edward Dana.

Perhaps it was under the tutorship of Prof. Folsom that we first opened our eyes as an out-and-out class, for under him we organized by electing W. Barton Baldwin president. He remained president until nearly the close of the year '90, when he left school and was succeeded by H. E. Poronto. At the time of our organization we were assigned the important task of decorating the Hall for the Commencement exercises of the class of '89, which we did in the most satisfactory manner, to ourselves at least.

The class at its organization numbered, as near as I can remember, about 30 members; at the present time it numbers 20, or more properly 19. Among those scholars who have left during our later school days are W. B. Baldwin, L. P. Sheldon, F. D. Steele, and Miss Grace North. The first of our school days were passed in the ordinary manner, so I will dwell only on the events of the last year of school.

To the class of '91 must be given the credit of introducing the greatest number of new "fads" of any class ever graduating.

The now famous RUTLAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES' existence is due to the energy of the boys of the class; the agitation of the piano fund, which resulted in a piano being placed in the H. S. room, originated in the class among the young men, I believe; the formation of a "R. H. S. Debating Club" is largely due to the enterprise of the young men of the class. The young ladies, however, followed the example of the superior minds and organized a "Literary Society."

The present officers of the class are as follows: President, H. E. Poronto; vice-president, Miss Agnes Sedileau; secretary, Miss Mattie Spafford; treasurer, J. S. Sheldon; class poet, Miss Caddie Sleeper; prophet, Miss Howe; historian, L. E. Campbell; advisory committee, Miss E. K. Hussey and the rest of the young ladies generally. The total age of the class is 135,780 days; the total weight, 38,092 ozs., and the total height, 1,239¼ inches.

During the present year the usual routine followed by former classes has been observed, with one or two exceptions. The class had its "photo." taken in a group early in the year, which bore some resemblance to some of us. The class motto, "Without Haste, Without Rest," and the class colors, gold and white, were selected after much discussion and much advice from the young ladies.

The class emblem proved to be a very troublesome problem to solve and the committee appointed to select it labored long and faithfully, but finally after much advice from the young ladies and much careful thought on the subject, the "Daisy" was selected, although you would not dream of such a thing. On looking at one of the pins you would exclaim "monarch of the corn-field!" (sunflower.)

Along the line of entertainment must be mentioned the sociables, especially enjoyable to the young ladies. They did not prove quite so enjoyable to the young men, for about 12 young ladies and generally about four young men meant a good deal of company home, and then to receive a rebuke from the aggrieved young ladies the following day for not doing your duty made most of us dread a sociable.

The class also had the traditional sleigh-ride to Fair Haven and back again. A very enjoyable time we had of it, too, trying to keep dry, but it was dry enough while we were there to make up for the soaking we got on the trip home.

These are a few, and but a few, of the happenings during a portion of our school life. To mention them all would take more time than we shall ever see and fill a volume larger than any ever published. However, the future of the class of 1891 lies before us in the hands of the prophet, Miss Howe, and that it may be as full of smiles and as free from tears as has been the past, is the wish of your class historian.

CLASS POEM.

CADDIE ESTELLA SLEEPER.

So you ask me for verses and nothing will do
But my muse must spin you a line or two;
And you ask me beside not only for rhyme
But you call for real poetry, sweet and sublime.
As if after years of common school prose
One could feel any poetry left at the close!
As if Grammar and Algebra, Latin and Greek,
Could ever leave room for a musical freak!

Well, should you insist, I suppose that I must
For once be a poet and go it on trust;
So now to fulfil all your highnesses' pleasures
Be prepared to adopt pretty desperate measures.
For once get up early, wash sleep from your eyes
And walk out through the grasses to see the sun rise;
Stand with me on this hill top and drink in the scene
While I scribble some lines on my writing machine!

The flame of the morning sun is foretold
By yon easterly cloud with its fringes of gold;
Beneath the flush of the opal skies
Yonder the land in beauty lies.
The fields are rich with verdant grain,
The clover lies sweet on the lowland plain;
Many a shrub-walled farm-house stands
In the midst of its squares of verdant lands;
On the waving grass the dew-drop lies
Reflecting the heart of the summer skies;
Down in the meadow, the "daisies" bright
Gleam out in their glory of "gold and white."
Sheep, moving snow balls, on the hill
Are nibbling the sweet green grass at will,
On the ear their distant bleating falls
With the low of cattle and farm boys' calls;
With the carol of birds the air is sweet
As the echoing woodlands their voices repeat.
From the field of purple clover near
The drowsy hum of the bees I hear;
On the meadow below, I catch the gleam
Of the glowing skies on the winding stream,
And across the hills the soft air flows,
Faint with the breath of clover and rose.

O lovely June! thy brightness lies
Like a benediction on earth and skies;
Sweeter to me thy sounds and sights
Than the fabled orient land of delights.
I could wish all days were days of June,
All skies like thine, all mornings as fair,

Then life would flow on like a perfect tune
And the world be a paradise everywhere.

But, dear June, with all thy brightness serene,
We look back to a day and another scene,
When the buds of the spring and the blossoms came
With their robes of white and their robes of flame.
Alas! all the glories of spring have passed,
That splendor of bloom was too fair to last:
The trees in blossom lately seen
Have put on their garments of soberer green;
Like a vision or dream the springtime has fled
And summer is here and the blossoms are dead.
And yet what a glory of days came on
With their varying splendors of twilight and dawn;
How the small things of nature were crowding for room
In the rapid ascent from bud up to bloom.
And those days come back on this sweet June morn,
And they haunt us like ghosts of the friends that are gone.

Even thus, dear friends, like the changing year
We stand with our soberer work-days near.
Our spring has departed, our summer begun,
Like the glories of spring our school days are done.
We pause for a moment, our life paths meet,
For a moment we give the hand to our friends,
'Tis the touch of farewell and our trembling feet
Shall go forth to the labor that never ends.
Are we grieved for the spring with its thoughtless hours,
Its bright, short days and its April showers?
Let us turn with brave hearts and hopeful eyes
To the wider joys 'neath the summer skies;
And like the world on this morn of June,
Let our souls with beauty be ever in tune.

And in life though we find there is work and care,
With a deal to do and a deal to bear,
May we bravely do and bear our part
With a willing, cheerful and thankful heart,
Remembering ever as onward we go,
Our first duty to man and to God is to grow:
Not the bud or the blossom is all that we see,
But the autumn comes with the fruit for the tree;
And the glory of May when the year is begun,
With the glory of summer and autumn is one.
So life, with its sunshine, its shade or its showers,
Shall be large and more full with the long summer hours,
And when summer, at last, into autumn has grown,
May we go with glad hearts to reap what we have sown.

CLASS PROPHECY.

LILLIAN J. HOWE.

At the close of a warm day, a day when the air was filled with the melodies of birds and laden with the perfume of the flowers of spring, I sat on the porch of an old farm-house in Horton, Kansas, resting from the tiresome duties of a music teacher. Down the street came the post boy with the daily mail, bringing a letter of invitation to attend a reunion of the Alumni of the R. H. S., to take place on the 5th day of June, 1901, at the Rutland Opera House.

After thinking it all over, I determined to accept the invitation. On the next day I boarded an electric car direct for Rutland. I arrived after a short and pleasant journey, and you may imagine my surprise and delight as I stepped from the car and found myself in a magnificent new depot. Entering the waiting room, the first person I noticed was the valedictorian of the "Daisy Chain," and of course we were glad to meet. She had spent some time in China as a missionary, and had just returned home on her wedding tour, having married a converted Chinaman. Lillian called my attention to a large sign, "Temperance Hotel." We immediately inquired the way to this wonderful institution and who should we find had established this hotel but a former school-mate, Miss Caddie Sleeper. We soon after found a chance to congratulate her upon the apparent success of the hotel.

Speaking of other improvements, made during our absence, Miss Sleeper invited us to take a drive that we might see for ourselves. We gladly accepted. Many places of interest were pointed out, and as we drove through Main street, we saw a building which especially attracted our attention. "Oh yes," said our driver, "that is the new hospital, and do you know Grace Potter is chief nurse there; she is almost a second Florence Nightingale."

We next drove through the new city park, which I remembered as Pine Hill. It is beautifully laid out in walks and drives, grottoes, picturesque fountains, and sylvan seats.

"Who had the push to carry out such an enterprise," I inquired. "Well, it was Poronto. He is the president of a stock company to carry on such works. O, and I hope you will meet his wife. Although she is not one of the original three graces, she is very graceful and gracious."

We returned to the hotel amazed at the changes ten years had brought about.

As we entered the parlor who should we find at the piano but Agnes Sedileau, who immediately recognized us. A tall young gentleman stood by the piano, whom she introduced as her husband, Walther von der Vogelweide. I silently wondered if people ever got mixed on her name, as they did when she was a school-girl. We spent a very pleasant evening talking over events since our last meeting.

On the next evening on our way to the reunion, I noticed a very distinguished gentleman with long hair and a Byron collar. I inquired who it was and was informed that it was "Dick" Wooster, who writes miles of poetry on awfully poetical subjects. He dedicates them all to Miss Mattie Spafford, while she goes about giving her celebrated lecture on the "Dude's Idea of the Ornamental," or, "The Ornamental Dude's want of Ideas," to raise money to aid in the publication of his poems. Probably his first attempt in verse was the four lines published in the "R. H. S. NOTES" in '91.

When we entered the old familiar Opera House, we recognized many old school-mates and friends, and hastened to speak to them. Among the members of the class of '91, I first met Hattie Sleeper, who told me that she did not live in Proctor, as had been prophesied, but had spent much time traveling in Europe with her husband, who was sent there to take photographs of some of the best scenery. "O Hattie, can you tell me of Nellie?" "Yes, she has studied law and she is now one of the most successful lawyers in the State. By the way, I saw Blanche when I was in England; she married a minister and seems to be very happy. She has lately published a book entitled "Researches in English Church History."

At this point we saw a couple just entering. "O," exclaimed Hattie, "there is Sadie and her husband; they live in great style on Grove street." "Well, and here comes Spaulding. He partly learned the 'carpenter's' trade but finally decided to give it up and devote his time to music. They say he has lately invented a wonderful musical instrument to take the place of the old fashioned brass-band."

As I looked about the room, I saw Miss Hussey and hastened to speak to her. She told me she had been very successful in her botanical explorations in the West, and that she was about to publish a book entitled "The Student's Flora of the Great West."

I enquired for Bell, who found it impossible to be present. Having graduated at Vassar, she is preceptress of a young ladies' seminary.

"Do you see those two young men over there? The tall one is Sheldon, the famous young orator of the Farmers' Alliance party, and the other is Stewart, who I think by his animated conversation is trying to persuade Sheldon to take a life insurance policy."

I had read of Sheldon in the papers. I also noticed in the morning paper that the popular actress, Maggie Sullivan, is to appear here in the "Sweet Girl Graduate."

Just then a beautiful young lady approached, whom I knew at once to be our Gertrude. We sat down and had a short conversation, in which she informed me that she had established a Cooking School. "Now truly," she said, "I use ever so many of the recipes that were used by the Old Roses, and I think that is the reason I have been so successful."

During the evening a letter was read from Campbell, stating that he was sorry he could not be present, but business affairs kept him away, which I should think might be the case as he is president of a bank, three railroads and also a company whose main object is to heat the polar regions by an elaborate system of steam pipes and then make important discoveries without freezing to death.

I returned home that night, delighted at having met so many of my classmates and that so many of them were making a success of life.

THE TRUE LIFE.

How many take a wrong view of life, and waste their nervous system in endeavoring to accumulate wealth without thinking of the present happiness they are throwing away. It is not wealth nor honor that make a man happy. Many of the most wretched beings on earth have both. But it is a radiant sunny spirit which knows how to bear little trials and enjoy little comforts, and thus extract happiness from every incident in life.—*Ex.*

ADDRESS TO THE JUNIORS.

JOHN M. SPAULDING.

Members of the Junior Class, you are gathered to-day to witness the closing scene in the history of the class of '91 of Rutland High School. You have come to "cast one last long lingering look" upon the members of the class, who have for so many months been your example in the performance of worthy deeds; and an inspiration, as I trust, which shall attend you through all the remaining months during which you yourselves must toil by day and burn the midnight oil if, like us, you would hope one year hence to stand where we do.

It is fitting that I, in behalf of the class of '91, should give you some words of advice, and injunctions, to materially assist you in the labors before you.

In the first place I will give you a few practical hints in regard to your every day conduct; the manner in which you shall carry yourselves before the world; in order that you may properly assume the responsible dignity you are about to attain.

As members of the Senior Class of Rutland High School, you will find yourselves called upon to fill many positions. You must be prepared to receive invitations to balls, parties, or various entertainments of a public or private nature. Up to the present time in your innocent simplicity, you may have conceived that it was your duty to attend to the rigorous demands of Algebra, Latin, Greek, or Arithmetic, and have supposed that these affairs of a public nature were to be disregarded. You have ciphered and scanned and translated, commented and recited or flunked with a conscientious regard for your standing in school. You are now to take a position upon a loftier plane.

For the future you are not to allow the trivial and commonplace demands of classwork or teachers to stand in the way of your loftier duties to society. Let me enjoin upon you then to attend each ball, or party, or theatre, or other entertainment of a public character, in a manner to reflect credit upon yourselves as a class, and to do honor to the institution from which in one year you are to graduate. The eye of the world will be upon you. Remember that you are seniors, and to be seniors means more than you have "ever dreamed of in your philosophy." Therefore, prepare to be men and women of society.

It now becomes me to give you advice in regard to more strictly personal matters. You have hitherto been told by your friends and physicians to beware of late hours, and cautioned about your diet; and doubtless you have heard that noble maxim quoted about "Early to bed, and early to rise," and have been introduced to the "Early bird that catches the worm." But as seniors and representatives of Rutland High School, you are to learn how to practice a different set of rules. I will illustrate, for the benefit of your untrained and inexperienced minds. Do not return at twelve from an evening entertainment, when one or two will better exhibit your senior dignity and will better prepare you for the duties of the next day. At a dinner or other social entertainment always partake as freely of the ice cream and cake as will be consistent with good manners. If you happen to have a headache or shall even be sick the next day, never lay it to any sin you have committed, but account for it by the plea that you are not accustomed to such a rigid course of diet. In all these places remember that your first duty is to perform your public responsibilities with success. This will give you important hints to be observed in all other matters as well.

Again, it becomes my duty to give you other advice more nearly connected with your duties in school. For though you are, as I have tried to show you, to pay most careful attention to the business of your life in public, yet you will probably find it somewhat inconvenient wholly to neglect such trivial matters as mathematics, literature, or the languages. To begin with let me suggest some hints as to the study of literature, which may be of importance to properly prepare your minds for the unseen and unexpected. Do not make the mistake of supposing it is necessary to wrestle with those nasty things known as dates; and if you should get Shakespeare playing "King Richard" at the court of George III, or Mr. Chaucer mixed up in a duel with Addison or Dick Steele, or be guilty of other trifling freaks of the imagination, remember that two or three hundred years can make but little difference in these matters, and give yourselves no trouble.

Should you at examination time happen to discover that Sir Walter Scott wrote "Paradise Lost" or Milton the "Faery Queen," or that Lord Byron has given us "In Memoriam" or "Locksley Hall," you will probably be able to account for it very naturally because of the demands of your public duties in society, and so your conscience may be at peace. Again, in Astronomy, should you find that in the time of an eclipse, the sun has got between the earth and the moon, or inform the class that the moon is several millions of miles distant from the earth, remember that your information is sufficient for all ordinary purposes and that these unimportant details are proper only for astronomers or for members of an uninstructed junior class, with too conscientious a regard for swallowing unwholesome facts.

In this interesting manner could I talk to you for hours, and each minute would doubtless be filled with instructive hints for your conduct as senior members of the Rutland High School.

But while no doubt you would find it of the utmost value to have me address you for several hours, a day, or perhaps even a week; yet I must beg you to excuse me for this time. At the utmost my intention was to convince you of the interest which the class of '91 takes in your personal welfare and future success.

Let me, in closing, give you a farewell motto. Inscribe it upon the doors of your hearts. Roll it as a sweet morsel under your tongues. Let it inspire you to noble deeds by day, and fill your dreams by night.

Be your motto this:—

"An honest man gathers no moss,
And a rolling stone is the noblest work of God."

In behalf of the class of '91, I bid you a most affectionate farewell.

JUNIORS' REPLY.

HARWOOD EGGLESTON, '92.

Let me humbly thank you, in behalf of the class of '92, for this invaluable opportunity of absorbing such words of infinite wisdom from one of the exemplary class of '91. It is with feelings of the greatest deference that I undertake to reply to the grand and scholarly address to which we have just listened. When I consider that I am replying to one of the mightiest intellects in the wise, (or other-wise), class of '91, my right hand nearly cleaves to the roof of my mouth and my tongue forgets her cunning. This day, evermore, ought to occupy a conspicuous position in the World's Almanac. Yes! the President ought to declare its anniversary a legal holiday, for this day has witnessed the launching upon the sea of life of some of the mightiest brass-mounted ironclads and most perfect and graceful galleys that ever embellished an intellectual navy. Indeed! Admiral Ellsworth is confident that you are the most invincible squadron, whose fitting out it has ever been his good fortune to direct. He has tested you at all points. He has directed a galling fire of Greek and Latin against you; subjected you to round after round of English History; raked you fore and aft with Astronomical Demonstrations and given you whole broadsides of English Literature, until you have now attained that degree of perfect impregnability from which you can look with indifferent contempt upon any insignificant opposition which you can meet hereafter. Sail forward then with maintops all trimmed and colors flying, to whatever port or country Providence shall send you, but do not depend too much upon *wind!* It is a good thing, but rather fickle. However, let me beg of you to make this determination; never lower your colors to another nation, stand up for the good old United States and fight it out to victory or death!

If at any time I appear to rise above my position and take on the oracular form, I hope you will pardon me, as it is the somewhat blundering expression of the ardent admiration of an "untrained and inexperienced mind." As another evidence of our unusual simplicity, I must give utterance to our grief at your departure from those seats from which you used to reinforce our fainting hearts and digestive organs, with "Tutti-Frutti," salt crackers or ginger cookies, on those long session days. We can only repay the debt by doing the same for *our* dear Bs. Oh! what a something-gone feeling will pervade the atmosphere of the R. H. S. next September when like children from play we once more return to her loving care. It will not quite equal the emotions caused by the "empty chair at the table," for we, the busy Bs, will occupy that chair severally. Here is another source of grief and anxiety, which in the pin-feathery condition of our intellects it is impossible for us to comprehend: How shall we ever be able to occupy those seats vacated by you, in a worthy manner? Every time we throw a note, whisper, or are invited to locate in one of the "anxious" seats, will not that uncomfortable and never-to-be-silenced nuisance, called "The still small voice," say: Oh! thou slothful and wicked servant, is this the way you try to reach that Mt. Everest-like standard of moral and intellectual perfection, set by the class of '91? Even Mr. Ellsworth cautioned us the other day that we ought to set a better example behind the Latin class, which used to march meekly into us every morning. He reminded us that "little donkeys————," or was it "little pitchers" he said had long ears? It was something like that, anyway. We appreciated the look of withering scorn which we received from you and repented even to remorse. On this *very* solemn occasion, the only reason why we do not shed "copious, gushing tears," is because, in the soft-shelled or larvæ state of our brains, we do not yet sufficiently appreciate the great loss which is to be ours. Let me remind you, my poor bereaved fellow-classmates, of some of the familiar occurrences, which like the sugar candy we ate last year, are numbered among the sweet things that are gone. No more from a certain corner of the room will come that r—r—r—r so necessary to our everyday existence. No more shall one of their members lead our singing with her dulcet oxygen tones. For the last time have certain of their members vibrated from a gilt-edged, A. No. 1, to a front seat and back again "when the conduct of school would permit." Never again shall we see that bristling staccato-like pompadour looming above the piano and masquerading for an inverted hair brush between us and the window. Nevermore shall the very Sleepers of the building tremble at the voice of the Avalanche. When again shall we be reminded of the "smack in school," by the well concerted action of some twenty industrious jaws?—But enough! I might continue rehearsing their virtues until I was forced to stop from sheer softening of the brain, but even with a naked eye I can see that you are already sorely affected. Let me add just one word more to our farewell: Your influence will always live in our hearts. We shall be continually reminded of you by the motto, that celestial symphony in red and blue, which decorates the western wall of the R. H. S., "Without Haste, Without Rest." What a sublime conception. Such a one could only have been originated by Goethe or in the never-in-a-hurry genius of the class of '91. Comparable only to the eloquence and wisdom of your class, it strikes the observer dumb, and like Browning requires to be studied a lifetime.

In closing allow me to quote those touching words by Dante, or somebody else, which express our regard for you much better than could any of ours.

"Farewell, thou heavenly A class,
Fare you well each separate member;
All our hearts are bursting for you,
All our thoughts go outward with you;
Come not back again to labor,
Come not back again to suffer,
Where the dread examinations
Wear the pencils, waste the paper;
Soon our course will be completed,
Soon your footsteps we shall follow,
Soon like you, with crowns of laurel
Wreathed around our massive foreheads,
Shall we stand to make the people
Wonder at our words of wisdom."

SALUTATORY.

BELLE ASHLEY PELTON.

It has fallen to me as a member of the graduating class to extend greetings and hearty welcome to the many friends who have shown their interest in us by their presence here to-day.

You are gathered here to prove how well the class of '91 have availed themselves of the benefits which your kindness has supplied.

The best way in which we can do this is by trying to entertain you so well that these exercises shall leave with you a pleasant memory. If we are able to do this we shall thus hope to show you how much we appreciate the advantages of our school-life.

And whether we go from this school into higher schools or enter at once upon active duties we shall remember

with gratitude the aid you have given us here.

When we take our places as active men and women in this or any other town, if we are honest and respected citizens ever ready to help on any good work, we shall only be carrying out the principles that we have been taught here.

We thank you for your presence here to-day and we feel sure that you, who know us so well, who have followed us up to this time with warm sympathy and with more than friendly interest in our successes and our failures, will be ready to forgive us if we are not quite perfect.

We do not consider that our education is more than begun, and soldiers in the training camp cannot have the same skill as the veteran in the field.

We know we shall have both your generous appreciation and kindliest interest, therefore we again extend you our cordial welcome.

VALEDICTORY.

MARY LILLIAN HEATH.

In behalf of the members of the graduating class, I would say to you who have gathered here, that we thank you for the interest you have shown by your presence and by your attention during these exercises.

We count ourselves happy that our lot has been cast in a town which is able to furnish its young people the opportunity for a good education. We hope that by our useful lives we shall prove the High School to be a profitable investment for the people of Rutland.

To you, honored Board of Education, we extend our hearty thanks for the exceptional interest you have taken in the schools during the time we have been in attendance upon them; for the many improvements which your wisdom has brought about; and for the excellent teachers you have providedfor us.

To all of you, our teachers, we feel that we owe a debt of gratitude which we cannot repay. We believe that, had it not been for your kind direction and sympathy in times of perplexity and discouragement, some of us might never have finished the course. We have sometimes caused you annoyance, we know, and for this carelessness we ask your pardon.

And now, my classmates, although we can hardly realize it, the time has come for us to separate from each other; from the scholars with whom we have been so pleasantly associated for the last two or three years, and from the teachers whose kindly interest and generous care have helped us through these years of study.

The time we have passed in the schools of Rutland has been pleasant. I think I mistake not in saying that the pleasantest part of our lives has passed. Our parents have seen to it that everything necessary to personal happiness should be supplied; our teachers have made it their daily care and the absorbing objects of daily labor to provide for our mental good. It can hardly be, that hereafter we shall have so little responsibility and care.

We cannot expect that when we enter upon our life work people will be so lenient toward our shortcomings and weaknesses, and so ready to praise us when we do well.

However the sunshine or the shadows may fall upon our several pathways in life, assured of our Heavenly Father's love and care, let us go straight onward "without haste, without rest."

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER HELD—THE OPERA HOUSE CROWDED AND MUCH ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED.

June 19, the all important day to which the class of '91 and its friends have been looking forward with so much anxiety, has at last passed, and a most auspicious day it was, both in the history of the school and the class. It was generally remarked that the exercises were the pleasantest and most successful ever held in Rutland. One gentleman, who has attended many academy and school Commencements said: "I never before witnessed graduation exercises that were of so high a standard as those of the Rutland High School, Friday."

The day itself was not exactly up to the traditional sunny standard but, notwithstanding the weather prophet's scowling countenance, over 900 people gathered at the Opera house.

The graduating class numbered 20 students, 14 of whom have taken the full course.

Mary Lillian Heath, Classical; Emma Kate Hussey, English; Belle Pelton, English Classical; Grace Dell Potter, English; Agnes Sedileau, English; Mattie Elisabeth Spafford, English Classical; Hattie Thompson Sleeper, English; Gertrude Porter Sterl, English Classical; Margaret Susan Sullivan, English; Eleanor Catherine Toohey, English Classical; Blanche Avaline Verder, English; Halsey Earl Poronto, English; Lucius Harrison Stewart, English; Richard Orlando Wooster, Classical.

The remaining six, Lillian Jane Howe, English; Caddie Estella Sleeper, English; Sadie Marie Thompson, English; Louis Edward Campbell, English; John Somerville Sheldon, English Classical; John Martin Spaulding, English, did not wholly complete the course of study.

The hall was very prettily trimmed, and the decorations reflected much credit upon the B's, to whose untiring efforts the effect was due. The platform was banked with potted plants, ferns, flowers and daisies, while underneath were hung festoons of "gold and white" bunting. On the left side of the stage was placed a large easel bearing a shield of evergreen on which was worked in daisies, the class flower, "R. H. S." and below the figures "'91."

Upon the platform were seated the members of the class: the girls dressed in tasty white dresses, the boys in "Prince Alberts," white neckties and "patent leather" shoes. At the left of the platform, opposite the class, sat Professor J. A. Ellsworth, Professor G. G. Wilson, Professor E. J. Colcord; Miss Adah Walker, Miss Julia Kelley; Edward L. Temple, president of the board of education; Trustees George J. Wardwell and E. L. Foster; Rev. Gibbs Braislin of the Baptist church, Rev. Charles Martin Niles of the Episcopal church and the Congregational pastor, Rev. G. W. Phillips.

The exercises began at 2:15 o'clock. After music by Brehmer's Junior Orchestra and prayer by Rev. Charles Martin Niles, Miss Belle Pelton, the salutatorian, was announced. Her salutatory is published in full in another column. She charmingly delivered her essay upon "Luck in Literature." She said that many of the most successful writers, not only of past times but of to-day, owed their advanced poitsion in the literary profession to some lucky incident; to some fortunate inspiration. The famous "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was a "lucky" production. Lucky both in the time in which it was issued and in the subject chosen as its theme. The speaker mentioned several other works that were purely the outcome of luck. But she said in closing, that hard work was the only sure road to success.

Following Miss Pelton, came Lucius Harrison Stewart. His oration was upon "The College Man in Business" and was well written and well delivered. He said that the college education was a strong power of itself, a power that

stood supreme in its own strength. He said that the greatest trouble with the college education was that the students did not all decide upon their life's vocation before commencing their course. He cited many instances in which the college man, as well as the man not provided with a college education, had succeeded, and summed up by saying that "the world should not, nor does it want to dispense with the college."

Eleanor Catherine Toohey's recitation, "The Defense of the Bride," was a splendid piece for dramatic fire and inspiration and she rendered it in a manner little short of perfection. Her expression, gestures and self-enthusiasm imparted a new charm to her selection and its picture was almost vivid in its seeming reality.

"The Death Penalty" is a subject that has been the stumbling ground of many a wiser mind than that of the high school graduate. But Richard Orlando Wooster handled it in a manner that showed his thorough familiarity with its intricacies. His oration as written showed much study and in his delivery he outdid any of his former rhetorical efforts. His argument seemed to show that the present grade of civilization demanded that capital punishment be abolished and he said that the tendency of legislators was to weaken upon the subject. He brought forward many points to prove his claims and advocated the idea that a government that inflicted murder for murder became itself a criminal.

After Wooster's oration a selection was given by the orchestra. Miss Sullivan followed with a very pleasing recitation "A Commencement Episode." Though hard to give, it was rendered in a delightfully easy manner. Miss Sullivan deserves much credit for her pleasant effort.

"Restricted or Unrestricted Reading, Which?" furnished the topic for a discussion and two essays by Blanche Avaline Verder and Gertrude Porter Sterl.

Miss Verder spoke in favor of restricted reading. She outlined the evils of an unrestricted reading course and briefly remarked upon the general low tone of the average newspaper. She advocated choosing a course of reading that was in line with the highest moral and literary standard, and said that the advice of parents and teachers should be largely influential in the choice of such courses. Miss Sterl upheld the opposite side of the question. Begging the pardon of her opponent for a difference of opinion, she said restricted reading suggested barbarism; that parents often injured their children by trying to force them along a line of study which nature had not designed for them; and that not only intellectual but moral injury was liable to follow. On the other hand she said desultory reading is needful to enable one to converse well; and to give them ease in society. She proved her position by the well-known examples of Shakespeare, Dr. Johnson, Gladstone and others who had been great readers.

The subject of cranks was treated by Emma Kate Hussey in her essay "The Man with a Hobby." She supported the crank in his eccentricities and said that his crankiness had been instrumental toward the onward progress of the world. She illustrated her point by mentioning Columbus, the Puritans and Martin Luther as being fanatics of an extreme type but said that civilization owed its advanced position of to-day to those so-called cranks. In the delivery of her article she showed much good taste.

Hattie Thompson Sleeper very successfully rendered that pathetic recitation, "The Legend of the Organ Builder." Her style of oratory was admirably suited to the selection and she gave it with a thorough appreciation of its requirements.

Mattie Elisabeth Spafford's essay upon "The Dude's Theory of the Ornamental," was a highly amusing description of the average dude and contained many interesting and well taken deductions from his dudish ideas of ornamental art. She claimed that the dude, in many of his theories, is ahead of the world in artistic appreciation of true beauty, and said that it might be well to copy many of his peculiar but worthy ideas instead of striving so fiercely for the "almighty dollar."

She ably interpreted the rhetorical needs of her essay and rendered it in a taking style.

After a selection by the orchestra, Grace Dell Potter presented her essay on "The Influence of Music." She gave several of the myths of the ancients illustrative of the power of music over both man and beast. She said that from the earliest ages music had been conceded to be a divine art, to be used in the worship of God. It has been and is the power of music that inspires men to higher, nobler thoughts and braver deeds.

Miss Agnes Sedileau in the delivery of "Skipper Ireson's Ride" presented one of the finest selections upon the programme. Her voice and manner were admirably suited for the rendition of the piece and she nicely overcame all its difficulties of accent and expression.

Halsey E. Poronto's oration, "Liberty, the American's Birthright," was not only fine in conception but well given. His claim that liberty is the greatest blessing that man enjoys, that freedom is the American's inheritance from his Saxon ancestors, that Americans had lost none of their birthrights, and that patriotism is the leading principle of civilization, found enthusiastic echoes in the hearts of all present.

Following Poronto's oration Miss Lillian Heath presented her essay, "A Plea for the Classics." She claimed that the dead languages were in reality still alive, though in varied forms perhaps, in the English language. She claimed that a good education is essential to success, but considered it improved when reinforced by a knowledge of the classics. Miss Heath was the valedictorian of the class and she spoke feelingly to the class, the teachers, the Board of Education and the friends of the class

President Temple gave a short address. He spoke enthusiastically of the need of a new hall in Rutland that should be the property of the district and made a strong plea in favor of fitting up the large room in the Church street building for such purposes. After complimenting the class upon its position and the teachers on their creditable work, he presented the diplomas and certificates and the exercises ended with the pronunciation of the benediction by Rev. Gibbs Braislin.

The Junior Orchestra deservedly received many congratulations on their magnificent playing. The entire audience were unanimous in their complimentary remarks.

EVENING RECEPTION.

The skies favored us again, as ever a kindly Providence seems to smile on the crowning moments when our sweet graduation ceremonies come round. The scene in the Opera House was indeed to be long remembered. The charm of light and brilliant color, flowers with their delightful suggestion of purity and truth, music that came and went at intervals, the animated faces of friends, the delicious pleasure visible everywhere, the cordial grasp of friendly hands as we were so graciously received at the door,—all contributed to make a scene such as comes to us but seldom, and can never be forgotten.

After a slight necessary delay the exercises began by a promenade selection by Brehmer's Junior orchestra. At the rising of the curtain the audience saw on the stage President Poronto, Principal Ellsworth and the various speakers for the evening. A few words from the President and the poet of the class, Miss Caddie Sleeper, began in her clear, earnest way to read. The poem needs no comment of mine; it was, as all agree, fine and finely rendered, and the eager interest of the audience through it all testified to the pleasure with which it was received.

Professor Ellsworth followed with a few brief, but earnest words to graduates and undergraduates to uphold the dignity of the R. H. S., and John Spaulding proceeded to illuminate and edify the "untrained and inexperienced minds" of the Junior class.

His speech was not only "scholarly" in tone, as his successor called it, but it was so well delivered that each word of the humorous production could be easily heard; and when he came to a

sublime climax with the thrilling motto, the audience broke into loud and continuous applause, and modest John was forced again to come to the front and bow his acknowledgments.

The reply by J. H. Eggleston of the Junior class was none the less well received. All relished with a hearty laugh his reference to "graceful galleys" of the new intellectual navy fitted out under Admiral Ellsworth, and when he closed with the bright and witty parody from Longfellow's Hiawatha, the audience must needs call him back for a second bow.

The class history by L. E. Campbell was both well written, bright, and very well given, and he, too, came in for a generous share of the enthusiasm which seemed to be catching.

Like all great revealers of the future, Miss Lillian Howe found her witty, brightly conceived and nicely read prophecy both attentively listened to and heartily applauded. So far as known the misty unknown as she unfolded it to the class members was not only very attractive, but very cheerfully accepted.

Professor Wilson, who now came forward to do his part toward the evening's entertainment, met the expectations of all in his usually bright and humorous, yet most happy manner of blending fun and solid common sense. When he told of the patriotic Yankee who so stoutly upheld the vast superiority of everything American by declaring that no matter how great the show, our country is always ahead, and on being put in the catacombs of Rome while in a drunken stupor exclaimed on awaking and looking on his skeleton neighbors, "O, I see how it is, the Day of Judgment and a Yankee the first man up," the audience fully appreciated the story. Professor Wilson's warm plea for the public park on Main Street was in the form of a sincere congratulation. With the singing of the Class Song, written by Professor Colcord, the good-bys were said and the graduation day of the class of '91 was over.

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COMMENCEMENT NOTES.

Who got hit!

"Grove Street!"

"A musical cut."

"This is Miss—."

"Glad to see you.

"So said the Prophet."

"A roasting for everybody."

"Our last song, a recitation."

It was intended to have given a promenade concert at the evening reception, but the number of people present was too large to permit.

The members of the Junior Orchestra deserve great credit for their splendid playing at the Commencement exercises. They outdid themselves!

All the essays, recitations and orations were given in a manner reflecting great credit upon the class; and it is not too much to say that it would be impossible to select the best among so many excellent productions.

Friday morning Professor Ellsworth was tendered a unanimous vote of thanks by the class of '91 for the conscientious assistance he had rendered the class in the past school year. He deserved it and the NOTES adds another bunch of "Thank Yous" to his already large bouquet. And not only to Professor Ellsworth but also to Professor Colcord, who has so kindly assisted the editors in their work; and to Misses Kelley and Walker, who have contributed toward the success of the NOTES in the past.

It was suggested at the evening reception that steps be taken at once toward the formation of a High School Alumni Association. The suggestion is well worthy of serious consideration and it is certain that a little thought upon the subject will show the feasibility of the scheme. A good strong organization of the character indicated would be of inestimable value to the High School and would do much to destroy the adverse influence that is working against the school. The class of '91 will be ready at any time to assist and support an Alumni Association.

THE MUSICALE.

A LARGE CROWD, A WARM EVENING AND A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

A sweltering crowd of over 400 people gathered in Baxter hall Monday evening, June 15, to enjoy the second annual High School Musicale. The atmosphere was something terrible in its heated intensity, and life was hardly worth the living.

The musicale was a true success, and Miss Mary A. Phinney deserves great credit for her painstaking drilling, and to her the pleasant musical features of the evening were in a great measure due.

The entire programme was rendered in a pleasing manner. The work of Brehmer's Junior Orchestra was deserving of much praise. Their first programme number, Batteger's "Encouragement" overture, perhaps showed their most successful efforts, their interpretation of the light and shade passages in this piece being especially fine. In the selection from Hermon's "Diodem" their supporting accompaniment to Hoadley's well executed cornet solo showed the results of careful preparation.

The chorus sang with good taste, and although the basses and tenors were small in number, they were well voiced and effectively balanced the more numerous sopranos and altos. In the chorus "To Thee, O Country," by Eichberg, their most powerful and pleasing singing was noticeable. Little criticism can be given upon the other choruses, except perhaps more expression might have been given to the grand Peace Jubilee chorus, the "American Hymn," by Keller.

The piano duet by Misses Silliman and Sawyer was well executed. The piece itself, the "Norwegische Tänze," by Grieg, is one in which the leading air is repeated again and again, each time with different supporting harmony, and to give its best rendition much attention must be paid to the expression. As rendered but little could be desired by the most exacting critic.

The "'91 Quartette" appeared in two programme numbers. In the first selection, "Tell Me, Flora," by Pinsuti, they did not sing to the best advantage. The piece was one requiring the closest harmony and for young singers was rather difficult. But in the beautiful "Peasants' Wedding March" they well redeemed themselves. The closing measures, beginning with a stacatto "Hark! Hark!" with all parts in harmony and suddenly changing into a duet by the soprano and alto with accompaniment by the bass and tenor, gradually decreasing from the medium to the softest possible tones, gave the singers a chance to show their capabilities and the result was an enthusiastic encore. The quartette responded with Cramer's humorous waltz song, "Jack and Jill," and in this piece scored their best work of the evening.

The "Ariel Glee Club" of young ladies sang pleasantly. The parts were well balanced and the voices harmonized nicely. Their first number was not a piece so taking and easily sung as their second selection, "Cradle Song" by Taubert. It is really a beautiful production and the club rendered it perfectly.

The accompaniments by Miss Mabel Carpenter and J. M. Spaulding were played with good taste and contributed largely to the success of the evening's entertainment. All in all the musicales have been truly creditable and no efforts should be spared to make

that of next year more successful than either of its predecessors.

This is the programme as rendered:

PART FIRST.

Overture, "Encouragement,".....Batteger
Orchestra.
Chorus, "To Thee, O Country,".....Eichberg
(With Orchestra Accompaniment.)
Piano Duet, "Norwegische Tanze,".....Grieg
Misses Sawyer and Silliman.
Quartette, "Tell Me, Flora,".....Pinsuti
Misses Sleeper and Sedileau, Messrs.
Stewart and Poronto.
Chorus, "All Among the Barley,".....Sterling
Part Song, "Twilight Star,".....Barnby
Ariel Glee Club.

PART SECOND.

Waltz, "Ninetta,".....Bennett
Orchestra.
Quartette, "Peasants' Wedding March,"
.....Sodermann
Misses Sleeper and Sedileau, Messrs.
Stewart and Poronto.
Chorus, "Harvest Home,".....McFarren
Selection, "Diodem,".....Hermon
Orchestra.
Part Song, "Cradle Song,".....Taubert
Ariel Glee Club.
Chorus, "American Hymn,".....Keller

Notes.

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"Mystery."

"June Bugs!"

"Book 16, Proposition 4!"

"See me make it deuce!"

Front seats! To let! On easy terms!

Miss Ruth Norton, '94, spent Sunday in Burlington.

Philip Goulding, '93, has been absent from school several days last week, on a visit to Burlington.

The High School boys still attempt to play ball, although it would probably be better for their reputation to give it up.

John McDonough, formerly a member of the class of '93, helped the boys' side of the house at the recent musicale.

The "departed heroes," Sawyer, Sheldon, and Gilmore, are expected home from Andover next week, Wednesday or Thursday.

Miss Bessie Norton, '92, expects to go to Saxton River Monday, to visit her sister, and also to attend the graduating exercises.

Mr. Wilson, the principal of the High School last year, has retured to his home in Providence, after nearly a year's absence in Europe.

According to one of the teachers, preparing the reports for distribution at the end of each term is "more work than marrying a wife"

A remarkably brilliant C translates the motto of '91, "Without haste, without rest," as follows: "If you don't hurry you won't get any rest."

Teacher—"Name the presidents after Tyler." Scholar—"I never can remember them in their order." Teacher—"Well, then, give them in their disorder."

Monday morning the boys of the senior class were made useful as well as ornamental, in fixing the stage and arranging the chairs at Baxter hall for the musicale.

A meeting of the editors for '92, called to choose the color for the cover of the NOTES next year, decided that the paper shall appear in more brilliant covers than ever before.

The reports have again appeared and loud were the groans of the pupils. "Deportment" seems to be the wail, and many have already vowed to be good next term. Remember that next term is a long way off, and that it is easier to talk than to act.

One teacher in the lower grades advised her boys the last week of school, to spend their time in swimming and other out-door amusements, encouraging them with the fact that their absence didn't count. What a pity we don't go to that teacher!

Another term many changes will be made in the High School room. The familiar faces of the A's will be gone, and a new class will come among us. Several scholars who have not been able to be in school this term, expect to return in the fall and go to work with their respective classes.

The High School deeply regrets the fact that Prof. Colcord, who has made the last term's work in history and literature so pleasant, leaves with the term. Miss Walker, however, expects to be able to return in the fall, and the school hopes to continue the work next year under the old teachers.

With this edition the class of '91 bids farewell to school life in Rutland, at least, and another year the classes will each rise a step; the B's to the honor of seniors, and the Grammar A's to the privileges of High School C's. The delight on the faces of the latter at the prospect of sitting in the High School room is already apparent.

Our Alumni.

'75—Miss Vaughan of Springfield is visiting friends in town.

'83—Henry O. Aiken visited the High School one day last week.

'89—Miss Hetta Jones has been spending several weeks in Rutland.

'88—Miss Helen A. Stewart of Mt. Holyoke College returned yesterday for her summer vacation.

'86—Herbert A. Francisco has taken a seat in the Rutland medical profession carriage. He is a Dr. now.

'85—Miss Katherine Norton spent Monday morning in town, on her way from Burlington to Saxton's River.

'65—Frederick Gay, a former member of the firm of Davis & Gay, has moved, with his family, to Burlington.

'89—Miss Millie Ellis, who is studying in the Boston Conservatory of Music, is expected home within a few weeks.

'91—Miss Grace Kershaw has accepted a very lucrative position as stenographer in the office of the Grand Army of the Republic.

'82—Miss Emma Wardwell, now Mrs. W. P. Jones, was one of the contestants at the recent musical contest in Granville.

'88—Mr. Alfred Turner has accepted a position as teacher in a summer camp, at Natural History Park, Quinsigamond Lake, Worcester, Mass.

'57—E. L. Temple, the president of the board of education, has just been elected treasurer of the Episcopal convention that recently held its sessions in Rutland.

'89—Miss Jessie Clauson will graduate from the Castleton Normal school the early part of July. She will immediately take up teaching as her life's vocation.

'89—Fred Bailey, the president of his class, is improving slowly from his serious illness. We hope to soon see Fred able to resume his work with his old activity.

'89—W. E. Jenne, confidential clerk of insurance agent Slack, is one of the managers of the Rutland High School ball team. By the way, he is making a first-class insurance agent.

CLASS SONG.

PROFESSOR E. J. COLCORD.

When the training days have flown,
And the battle years draw nigh,
When the martial trump is blown
And the waving signals fly,
Then the valiant heart will swell
At the parting of the ways
While we give the long farewell
To the friends of fair school days.

Chorus :—

Glorious days!—O days of yore,
O'er thy joy fond memory strays,
Tho' thy glory comes no more
Still we sing our fair school days.

When along the winding road
Where the war of life shall lead,
When o'er fields all battle-strewed
Hope shall sink or heart shall bleed,
Then as lights o'er summer skies
Cheer us with their beauteous rays,
All the golden past shall rise
With the joys of fair school days.

When the toilsome march is done
And the noise of battle dies,
When the low declining sun
Fills with splendor all the skies,
All the past shall brighten then
In the mellow sunset haze,
While remembrance brings again
Golden hours of fair school days.

EXCHANGES.

Brethren of the quill, with this issue we leave you to your fate or your fortune, as the case may be. With next year's NOTES a new editor will push the pen of criticism and it is but fair to trust that his wailings will be as patiently received as were ours.

The exchange column of any school paper, while not as interesting to local readers as other departments, is nevertheless in our estimation one of the most beneficial. We have in our experience found many points from the criticisms of our exchanges that have assisted materially in our work. Still it must be admitted that unless an exchange editor is remarkably good natured he sometimes encounters splendid opportunities to lose his temper and vent his spite upon some unfortunate exchange. And this fact detracts somewhat from the efficiency of an exchange department. With this hint to the new editors we will drop the ink-spreader and abandon a pleasant duty of school routine.

The University Courant has an especially fine article upon "The Balance of Power in Europe." This question, as the writer says, has been in such close analogy with history that it must be treated as such. The principle dates from the treaty of Westphalia, but as the article states: "The mistake made by many has been in thinking of the theory of 'Balance of Power' as a means for successfully *carrying on war*, while the real object was to *prevent war* by interesting all the different states in *peace*," going on to show the present position of the European powers upon the question. All in all the writer has shown a familiarity with the subject that has not been lost in its telling.

THE CLASS FLOWER.

Fair the buttercup that in meadow blows,
Fairer the DAISY that beside it grows.

Gray, in a long list of botanical terms, describes the daisy as a member of the compositæ family, of the chrysanthemum variety, subdivided and classed as the chrysanthemum leucánthemum, or leucánthemum vulgàre. He continues his botanical wail by saying that it is commonly called the ox-eyed daisy; that it is too numerous for his fancy; that it has stems nearly simple and erect from the creeping base or root-stock, bearing cut-toothed or slightly pinnatifid leaves below (the lowest spatulate, the upper partly clasping) the naked summit bearing the single showy head in early summer.

For all we know to the contrary, the celebrated botanist was right in his description of the flower. But we deem it a privilege to add something to his little botanical story. It may be well, however, to remark in the first, that we have no authority except our imagination for the myth we will give you.

In old Grecian times, when the godlike Zeus held forth as supreme deity and all high bottle-smasher of the mythological age, there was a young maiden of Greece whose beauty attracted, first the god's attention and then his heart. Now it was terribly improper in those days, as it is now, that a member of the royal immortal family should fall in love with a mortal maiden. But proper or improper, nevertheless it came about that the beautiful young maiden, with the golden silky hair, light brown eyes and pure white complexion, completely captured the godly heart, and the immortal Zeus at once resolved to marry her. With Zeus, to resolve was to act, and securing his traditional fiery chariot he descended to the mortal earth and the holy ceremony was performed. Zeus was a husband. For a time affairs sailed along smoothly and a happier pair could not be found, but Zeus had a god-mother of a meddling disposition. In fact she was so troublesome that she delighted in going around the world and getting folks into all manner of difficulties with her magical wand, the slightest touch of which was sufficient to change a person into the flower which he or she most resembled. In the course of the old lady's rovings she became acquainted with the beautiful young wife of Zeus and her old spirit of mischief getting the better of her she touched the fair young girl with her wand and she was changed into a "golden flower," the *Daisy*. Zeus' anger and sorrow upon hearing the sad news may be imagined, and as with all his godlike power he could not restore his fair wife to her former shape, in revenge he decreed that the ugly god-mother should forever scatter daisy seeds around the world, and so it is that every spring we may see the ancient lady with her bag of seeds industriously accomplishing her mission, while with his tears Zeus to this

day waters the lovely flower and keeps it fresh and beautiful for mankind to admire.

Small service is true service while it lasts,
Of humblest friends, bright creature! Scorn not one.
The Daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dewdrop from the sun.
—[Wordsworth.

THE RIDE.

Seventeen of the class with Professors Ellsworth, Colcord, and Wilson and Misses Kelley and Walker went upon the ride to Lake Bomoseen, Saturday. They started from Rutland at 8 o'clock A. M., and arrived home at 12 o'clock P. M. The party was transported by Mr. Fish (his name furnished the text for many puns), and "put up" at Walker's. Dinner was taken at "91 grove," back of Rabbit Island, and in the afternoon a large portion of the class went up to the reputed pond lily beds, but the water flowers were few and far between. One hard worked oarsman was heard remarking that the lilies are not out yet, but as they are not in they must be out." Supper was taken at Walker's and after singing several, "wise or otherwise," musical songs the party started for home. The chief features of the ride were the puns perpetrated by Professor Colcord, the attempts of the girls to starve the boys, the efforts upon the part of the young ladies to learn to row, and the sage, well-seasoned remarks of R. O. Wooster.

WATER DROPS.

"Both."

"Waiter, pass the milk."

"Tooth picks are thrown in free."

"Steak and ham or ham and steak."

"If I went home too early my mother would think I was sick."

Mr. Walker sets a good table, and to have seen the class monopolize the eatables would be to conclude that he knows how to feed hungry picnickers.

"THE SENIORS."

(MAY 2, 1891.)

The river laughs and dimples, as the mild
Spring sun smiles on it, and the wind, in play,
Ruffles its ripples, like the curls that stray
About the temples of a happy child.

The bank, though steep and high, looks mildly down,
Clad in its graceful dress of rustling green,
With the white dogwood glinting in between,
Like ribbons floating on my lady's gown.

Even the great gray rocks are fair to-day,
For in each cleft clings wayward columbine,
A fearless, lovely child, come to entwine
About the heart of a stern parent gray.

Making a barren life bright for a day,
But soon—so soon, alas! to fade and pine,
And flutter down to where the waters shine,
Leaving but memories of a happy May.

Close in the shade, beside the water's edge
The last few violets hide their dainty heads.
A shimmering cobweb hangs its silken threads
Securely there, along the rocky ledge.

Our boat rocks lazily adown the shade,
Perhaps all think the words that none dare say:
"Another year—we may be far away."
So sad it is that Time will not be stayed.

But not in vain the golden hours are spent
That leave a train of fragrant memories,
Which oft will come to us upon the breeze,
In other days, like gifts from heavenward sent.

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If no notice be received to the contrary, the NOTES *will be sent to all who were subscribers last year.*

DURING our vacation the school board has not been idle. New slate boards have been placed in Miss Clapp's room, in place of the old wooden ones. The Vermont School Seat Company has furnished the High School room with 85 of their improved seats. The desks are a decided improvement in more ways than one. The top lifts up, and when closed there is no danger of a small avalanche caused by half the books in a disorderly desk suddenly dropping upon the floor. They give the room a very dressy appearance, and though liable to get the "drop" on unwary scholars, they are altogether a desirable addition.

WE wish to call the attention of our subscribers to our advertisements. We hope they will look them over carefully and note the names of the persons who have so kindly aided us by advertising with us, thus assisting this important branch of our paper. If they patronize us, we ought to patronize them.

WE hope that every one of the pupils will take an individual interest in the paper; especially the B and C classes. With them, largely, in the future rests the welfare of the NOTES. What was at first an experiment has turned out to be an interesting and instructive branch of our school work. Now each pupil must have a *special* interest in it, or a failure is inevitable. Please consider that we want *you* to write something for us.

PROFESSOR ELLSWORTH has introduced two new features into our school work which cannot fail to give it freshness. In the first place those scholars whose daily average is above 85 per cent are to be excused from examinations, while those whose average falls below 85 per cent will have to take the examinations the same as of old. Written reviews will be required every two weeks. Mr. Ellsworth has been working for this change for some time, and we are sure that all the pupils appreciate his kindness.

The other change relates to rhetorical work. Each class is to furnish an

afternoon's entertainment for the others. This is certainly a strike in the right direction, as it will stimulate a healthy spirit of rivalry between the three classes, each striving to present the most interesting programme.

With this issue the Notes enters upon its third year; the first two years it was practically in the hands of the same editors, as the class of '91 was the A class for two years. They were years of prosperity for the Notes, the last year being even more successful than the first. This year, with the exception of three, an entirely new force of editors takes up the pen.

We hope subscribers will bear as patiently with us as they can. The support of the paper last year was good, but let us make it even better this year. Every pupil in the High School should subscribe and get as many more subscriptions as possible. This surely is not asking too much of loyal scholars.

Literary.

GERMAN STUDENT LIFE.

The town of Heidelberg nestles in one of the loveliest valleys of Europe. The Neckar river flows past it, winding between high and thickly wooded hills.

It is among such scenes that the famous Heidelberg University is situated, where several hundred German students are gathered to pursue their studies. The university itself seems very insignificant compared with Oxford, Cambridge, and our American colleges of Harvard and Yale. The buildings occupy a cheerless square near the center of the quaint German town. They are very plain. The lecture rooms are on one side of the square; in the rear are the museum and reading room, while opposite is a row of jewelry, clothing, confectionery and other shops.

The students and their ways are very interesting. On entering the town and passing up the main street, you spy groups of them here and there, and you are at once struck with the contrast of their appearance with that of American or English students.

The average Heidelberg student is a rather large, heavy looking fellow, with round face, broad shoulders, and a very awkward gait. His hair is cut close, and on one side of his head he wears a little round cap, too small to cover it, as caps generally do. This cap is of red, green or blue cloth, and is worked with fancy figures in gold or silver thread. On his feet are heavy boots, which rise outside his trousers nearly to his knees. He wears a frock-coat of green, grey or black. As he walks the street he puffs a queer, long pipe (sometimes two or three feet in length), the bowl being made of porcelain, on which is painted some fancy scene, or perhaps a view of some grand old castle. In his hand he carries a cane or stick with a curiously carved figure for a handle.

Many of the Heidelberg students are attended nearly everywhere they go, by a small, bullet-headed, blood-thirsty looking bull-dog, with red eyes and snarling mouth. You see such dogs everywhere with the students, running close to their heels, and ready at any time to defend their masters.

Almost every Heidelberg student belongs to one of the social societies which are called "Verbindungs," and the colors of their caps show the particular society of which they are members. These societies are both patriotic and social. The members devote

themselves to "the glory of the Fatherland," and they pledge themselves byoath to defend and aid each other.

The students also wear colored ribbons across their breasts or hung to their watch-chains. The pastimes of the Heidelberg students are almost entirely carried on within their "Verbindungs," where they meet two nights in a week to sing, make funny speeches, and perform certain ceremonies.

The students often make excursions to a beautiful spot on the Neckar, called "Wolfsbrunner," where they catch trout from a pond, cook them nicely and eat them on tables set under the trees.

Other favorite recreations are to attend the peasant fairs in the neighboring villages, and to go to the lovely Swetzingen gardens, or to the top of the Konigsthul hill, back of the castle, from which a most beautiful view of the Black Forest and Hartz Mountains with the broad valley of the Rhine may be seen.

On this hill is an inn where many go to drink beer. But some of the students are too poor to enjoy the good times of the others, or even to live at the university without doing something to support themselves. These, in vacation, go wandering about the country on foot, and singing in the villages, thus receiving money with which to pay the expenses of their education.

In passing through Germany you often meet groups of these poor students, and they generally seem to be enjoying themselves very much.

The favorite song of the students is a Latin one, entitled "Laudamus," which translated means, "Let us rejoice."

TENNIS, ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Tennis, perhaps the oldest of all existing ball-games, is at once the most difficult to learn, on account of the intricacy of its laws, and most interesting when learned, because of the great variety of its combinations and the difficulty of solving rapidly the problems which are constantly presented to the player. It derives an additional claim to attention from numberless historical associations. Of the origin of tennis it is impossible to speak with certainty, but it may confidently be assumed that it sprung from some very simple sport. It is not known whether the Greeks or Italians first played the game.

The French seem to have borrowed it from the Italians and to have contributed some of its refinements ; and the English took it from the French. It first appeared in Europe in the middle ages.

It has been called both the "king of games" and the "game of kings," the latter because it was the pastime of kings and nobles, many of whom were experts. It was so much enjoyed by them that in both England and France edicts were published forbidding the common people to play, but later it was enjoyed by all classes.

The name "tennis" is supposed to be derived from an exclamation used by the early French players, when serving a ball. It is clear, from the French name, that the ball was originally struck with the palm of the hand, which was afterwards protected by a glove.

Next, strings and cross strings were stretched upon the glove to give it a greater impulse ; and finally the addition of a short handle made an easy transition to the racket.

One of the first improvements in the game consisted in the building of closed courts, first with walls and then by the addition of roofs.

The ancient game was very different from the modern game of tennis ; the ball was knocked against the wall so as to rebound over the net, while in the latter the ball is simply knocked over the net.

Lawn tennis is a modern adaptation to a ball-game played on grass or dirt with rackets.

No game of ball has achieved such rapid popularity in America as the field and court game of tennis has within the last ten years.

It is now the pet society game at all the watering places and at every fashionable summer resort in the country. The present variety of the game was first introduced in a form which was soon shown to be impracticable, about the year 1874. It was then taken up by the All England club, at Wimbledon, which, in 1877, remodeled the laws, the size and shape of the courts and altered somewhat the system of scoring.

Since then the code of laws has been amended only in a few details. The game cannot be very intelligible to those who never played. The score, especially, is very confusing, as, for instance, a young lady, while watching a game of tennis, heard the score given as "vantage-in," and understanding it as "Dandy Jim," called it so until informed that she was wrong.

Litheness of limb and activity of motion are of great value in lawn tennis, though there is room for much skillful playing in placing the ball in corners with hard, low strokes, and in intercepting and returning the ball, by the volley, and, in fact, by all kinds of strategic play. The service is the most important and difficult feature of the game; as a general rule the server has the game in his hands.

A steadily served ball over the net at the first stroke is better than to risk a fancy one. There are three styles of serving known to experts—the simple toss, the swift service and the twist. The former should be an exceptional stroke ; the most useful for general use being the swift stroke which sends the ball just over the net.

Steady playing is what wins in the long run, rather than swift and wild returns. The surer a server is at his stroke the more easily will he be able to "place" the ball, and to "place" the ball is the key to effective service. Watch your opponent closely, find out his weak points and score accordingly. A good server is generally a good "striker-out," but there is one rule which should be remembered, viz.: it is easier to run forward for a ball than to run back to get behind it. Temper, endurance and quickness of movement count a great deal.

Certainly, lawn tennis is one of the most interesting and fascinating of games.

S. G. L.

THE SENIOR CLASS.

A meeting of the Senior Class was held on September 8th and the following officers elected with great unanimity: J. M. Goulding, President; Miss Silliman, Vice-President; Miss Cheney, Secretary; Miss French, Treasurer. We heartily congratulate the new officers upon their exalted positions, and feel sure they will bring honor upon themselves and their class. Another meeting was held Sept. 11th, and, in accordance with Prof. Ellsworth's suggestion, an executive committee was appointed by the chair to arrange a programme for the Rhetoricals of the A class. The committee consists of Clauson, Miss Goodale and Miss Norton. The class now numbers nineteen, there being an overpowering majority of the "fair sex." Seniors, strive to be still more to the school than you ever have been and show your ability and willingness to "uphold the dignity of the Senior Class."

R. H. S. DEBATING CLUB.

The R. H. S. Debating Club held a meeting September 25, with the President in the chair. Quite a large number were present. The new members signed the constitution, and, after the reading of the report by the new secretary, Stearns, the debate was taken up, with the question:

Resolved, That the abolition of slavery improved the condition of the blacks.

Affirmative—Welch, Bates, Morton. Negative—Farrell, Burnham, Burt.

The judges were, Dunton, Lewis, Clauson, Eggleston and Hamilton. Eggleston's place was filled by Keyes. The debate was opened by Welch, who gave a short sketch of the rise and growth of slavery, making a concise argument. Farrell, principal for the negative, took the practical bearing of the question and made some strong points. Bates and Burnham, the two seconds, dwelt upon the weak points of their opponents with much vigor and some irony. Morton and Vail (the latter taking the place of Burt), gave some good points. After short closing remarks by Welch and Burnham, the judges retired and soon brought in a verdict of three for the affirmative and two for the negative. The club then adjourned until Friday, Oct. 16.

Teacher—"Name three carnivorous animals."

Small Boy—"Two lions and a tiger."

THE MINERVANS.

The first regular meeting of the Minervan Club was held Friday, Sept 25th. There was a good attendance Although all the "C's" have not signed the constitution as yet, it is hoped they will soon. After all necessary business had been brought up and discussed, a short address of welcome was given by our President, Miss Goodale, '91, after which the following programme was rendered, which was greatly enjoyed by all:

"Silver Drops".....Piano Solo
Miss Lena Gosselin.
Aca Nada.....Recitation
Miss Kingsley.
Trip to Canada and description of the St. Lawrence and Victoria Bridge.....Essay
Miss Edith Dunton.
Canadian Boat Song.....Recitation
Miss Kittie Haynes.
Montreal.....Essay
Miss M. Bailey.
Music.....Piano Solo
Miss Mattie Martel.
To the Ocean via the St. Lawrence.....Reading
Miss Anna Parkhurst.
Carnival of '85.....Essay
Miss Agnes Meldon.
Elora.....Recitation
Miss Addie Schryver.

Notes.

"Un!"

"How you was?"

"Luce in the stew!"

"Here we are again."

"Accusative-Genitive."

"Stood three days barefooted, *in the snow*, at Rome."

The old law is still enforced and we must not whisper.

Miss Agnes Gilson, '89, is studying French in the High School.

Mr. Fred Bailey, '89, is in Battle Creek, Michigan, for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Earl Clauson and Mr. Harwood Eggleston, both '92, returned to school Monday, Sept. 21.

Mr. Ellsworth spent Saturday with his parents, in Whiting.

Miss May Sawyer, who is in school in Saxton's River, spent Sunday in Rutland.

Miss Emma Wilcox, formerly '93, has returned to school and entered the class of '94.

Miss Susie Long, '92, has so far recovered from her injury that she is again in school.

Mr. Phil. Goulding, formerly '92, has decided to take extra studies and graduate in '93.

Miss Alice Childs of Wallingford is taking a special course in the High School this term.

Miss Gertrude Sterl, '91, is teaching in the Church Street building, as Miss Robbins' assistant.

Teacher.—"Translate into Latin, The large rose is white." Pupil.—"Rosa magna est white."

Miss Verder and Miss Heath, '91, also Wooster of the same class, have entered Middlebury college.

French has been added to the High School course. Only members of the A class are allowed to study it.

John Pratt and Hugh Davis, both '89, expect to go to Burlington college soon to study civil engineering.

Miss May Sawyer and Miss Mamie Kingsley, formerly '93 and '94, are attending school at Saxton's River.

Mr. Halsey Poronto, '91, the former editor-in-chief of the NOTES, is employed in the market of F. C. Wilson & Co.

James P. Sawyer, formerly '92, a student at Phillips Academy, Andover, returned home Monday, on account of sickness. He expects to be able to return in a few days.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, and Miss Frances Kingsley, '88, have resumed their positions at Saxton's River.

Miss Cassie Willis and Miss Mamie Pond, who were out of school most of last term, have returned and take special courses.

Misses Agnes Sedileau and Caddie Sleeper, both '91, seem loath to leave the R. H. S. They are studying arithmetic under her protecting wings.

Miss Gertrude French and Miss Lucy Cheney, '92, have returned to school and expect to complete the work of last year, so that they may graduate with their class.

New desks and seats were placed in the High School during the past vacation. They are much more comfortable than the old ones, and are enjoyed by every one.

Things, or rather scholars, seem to be on the fall this term, especially when one undertakes to sit down in one of the new seats without seeing that it is properly fixed.

The High School re-opened Monday, Sept. 7th, with the room pretty well filled. Many of the old pupils returned, while a new class, formerly Grammar A's, entered as High School C's.

The Debating Club has reorganized, having chosen for its officers J. Goulding, '92, President; Russell, '93, Vice-President, and Stearns, '94, Secretary. Their first debate occurred Sept. 25.

Two changes in teachers have been made in this room. Mr. Ellsworth is principal, but the second assistant of last year, Miss Kelley, has become first assistant in place of Miss Walker, who has been obliged to give up school work on account of her health. Miss Clapp holds the position of second assistant.

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WE are glad to see that an investigation is to be made, by the New York management, into the Boston base ball affair. It certainly seems very queer that the Giants should lose five successive games to Boston. As New Englanders we would, of course, like to see Boston win the pennant, but we want to see it won *fairly*. Those five victories gave Boston the lead, and if she won them honestly, we are glad she secured them; but if, on the other hand, they were given to her, the Boston and New York clubs have placed themselves in a contemptible position. In doing so they not only hurt themselves but the whole national game.

SOME members of the senior class have very original ideas in regard to class unity. The all-powerful feminine portion of the class want a cobweb ring that would last a boy about two weeks; while the boys evidently want one that would require the services of a small boy to carry around, at least as far as the girls are concerned. The only way to settle this matter is to compromise upon a certain pattern and then let the girls get a weight that will satisfy them, and the boys do likewise. As we understand it, any weight desirable can be obtained, the price varying accordingly.

UNDER the new system the best third of the essays are to be read, and from those who read the editors for next year are to be selected. In this way those who can write the best are brought together, making a selection of the fittest much easier. Heretofore the editors have had a meeting sometime during the spring term and elected the new editors to their respective positions. The new plan will greatly help selection of editors, and, it is hoped, inspire better literary work in our school.

Literary.

A SYLVAN WEDDING.

Mother Nature's children represent the four points of the compass: Winter, the north; Summer, the south; and Spring and Autumn, the west and east.

Jack Frost once fell in love with the Oriental Autumn; he admired greatly her clear complexion and dreamy blue eyes, but Mother Nature had never quite forgiven him for painting the leaves, so she refused to give him Autumn, her most brilliant daughter.

Jack did not press the question, but in a short time Dame Nature became troubled, for she heard many complaints because the late pears and apples and grapes were not ready for the housewife's cans and for the farmer's cellar; while the boys, who had always managed to skip away from school to go nutting, had no excuse whatever, and had to study all the day long, and even the girls were worrying for fear there would be no skating parties.

What was the trouble? Jack Frost, thought the good mother, must be up to mischief, and she hastened to him. He acknowledged the deed and, further, the naughty boy declared that unless he could have Autumn as his wife, all the terrible fears of young and old would prove true, but he promised, if he had his wished-for bride, he would provide a soft bed for the leaves to fall on before their colors had faded, so that they were ashamed of themselves.

As for the fruit and nuts, he would do so well with them that the trouble would be for the housewives to find enough cans for their preserves, and the farmer would have a well-filled cellar, and even the girls could not complain of the skating.

So Mother Nature gave her consent to the marriage, and it was a grand affair. The bride's veil was as light as hoar frost and her dress was most beautiful. After the space of a month or so the happy couple went south and all the boys pelted them with nuts. Each year, for nature's children never grow old, they return and again celebrate the happy time of long ago. M. H.

A TRIP TO CANADA.

It was about eleven o'clock on a lovely morning in early September that a party, consisting of a gentleman and three girls, stood on the platform at the Rutland station, waiting for the Delaware & Hudson train.

One of the girls was myself, the other two were my cousins, Margaret and Helen Putnam; and it was their father who invited us three to go with him to Montreal, by way of Niagara, as a grand end-up for our summer vacation. We were to go first to Troy, then to Niagara and down the St. Lawrence to Montreal.

We had not waited long before the train came in and we got on board. The car was nearly full, but we managed to secure seats together and then settled down to enjoy ourselves. Mr. Putnam soon went off and left us, but three girls who are cousins and great friends generally find plenty to talk about, and we were no exception.

We amused ourselves by trying to see the names of the places as we rushed by, for the train being a fast one, stopped only at a few stations. Another amusement was making up stories about the people in the car. Before very long we began to feel hungry. We had taken luncheon with us, as we were going straight through to Niagara on the sleeper. So taking out our basket we satisfied our hunger and then looked around for some other entertainment. We soon found it in the persons of four children who were sitting just behind us, with their mother. After we had made some advances in the shape of caramels dropped over the back of the seat, we asked if the youngest one, who was only a baby and who was growing very tired of sitting still, might come over and sit with us for awhile. She was a cunning little thing and told us some very interesting stories about a white kitten of hers which she was taking with her to see her papa, who was a professor at Ann Arbor. She brought the kitten over for us to look at and we were almost at Troy before she finally left us. There we had to wait about half an hour for the Western train. We first had a hurried lunch at the station, for it was nearly six o'clock, and then Mr. Putnam took us out for a short walk. We went down a very pretty street, with high stone houses rising on each side, many of them being covered with vines; then back to the station and on board the train again. By this time it was nearly dark. We were not to take the sleeper until we reached Syracuse.

At Utica we waited several minutes. It was great fun to look out into the brightly lighted depot and watch the people as they rushed to and fro, many of them acting as if they had no idea where they wished to go. At eight in the evening we reached Syracuse and a sleeping car was added to the train. Our berths had been engaged beforehand, so when we walked into the car the porter, consulting his memorandum, said, "You are Mr. Putnam and party? Would you like your berths put down immediately?" Mr. Putnam said "Yes" to both questions, for, as we reached Niagara not long after midnight, we thought it best to get all the sleep we could during the first part of the time. So the porter proceeded to let down the berths and make up the beds. We arranged our valises under one of the lower berths and then attempted to get as much sleep as possible. Oh how hot it was behind those thick curtains, with the window closed! And if you opened the window, how fast the cinders sifted into the berth! However, I was tired and soon forgot all discomforts in sleep. It seemed to me that I had not been in bed ten minutes before I heard Helen saying, "Wake up. We are near Niagara." Very sleepily I sat up and saw lights glimmering in front. Just then the train stopped. I put on my hat, stumbled down from my berth and with satchel and umbrella in one hand, followed the rest out of the car into the station. We took a hack for a hotel and were soon asleep again; this time in real beds. We started out in the morning, after breakfast, to see the Falls. We went first to Goat Island, passing through the town, with its stores, where hardly anything but Indian bead-work and Niagara mementoes are sold, and its multitude of hack drivers, many of whom, of course, beset us. We refused them all, preferring to walk on such a lovely day. At last we reached the bridge leading to the island. In the middle we stopped to look up and down the river as it swept along in foaming rapids. The noise of the falls and the rapids combined seemed almost to deafen us, and we were glad to hurry on to the beautiful island beyond. Though the island looks very wild and secluded, it is not. Everwhere you meet people walking about or sitting on the bench-

es, of which there are a great many. We went entirely around the island, visiting the Three Sisters Isles, going up into the Terrapin Tower and down to the Cave of the Winds. Then we went to the hotel for dinner; after which we walked down to Suspension Bridge and crossed to the Canadian side. Mr. Putnam did not go with us this time and when we came back we found him studying time-tables. "Well, girls," he said, "we shall have to leave to-night. There is no morning train making connections with the Charlotte boats. We shall have just time to go to the Whirlpool." So to the Whirlpool we went, and three hours after found ourselves on the Charlotte boat. We had supper on board the boat, then sat on deck for a while, and very early in the evening went to our staterooms. A little after daybreak the steamer stopped at Kingston. A great many people got on here. We had risen early purposely to see this place. It is a very handsome city. Most of the buildings are of stone. All around the river shores are beautifully wooded, and it is at this point that the Thousand Islands begin. The scenery was so lovely that we could hardly leave the deck for breakfast. At Prescott we were transferred to another and less comfortable boat. We had a horrible dinner, and soon after Mr. Putnam told us that we were approaching the Long Sault Rapids. Looking ahead we saw the foaming, flashing water. The passengers seemed to like going down these rapids better than the captain, who sat smoking his pipe solemnly and shouting orders to the man at the wheel. I didn't wonder much that he was anxious when I looked back and saw the mass of tossing water behind, that seemed to me fully as dangerous to descend as Niagara. Between the Long Sault and Coteau rapids is a stretch of level water. I think we were all sorry when it was passed, it looked so safe. Then we went down the Coteau Rapids, the Cedars and the Cascades. As we approached the La Chine Rapids the captain asked us all to remain just where we were when we made the descent, as it was important to keep the boat steady. It was almost six o'clock when the boat stopped at the Indian village just above the rapids, to take on a pilot. Down we went, from rock to rock, in the leaping waves. I was very glad when it was over and beautiful Montreal lay full in sight on the green hill just before us, with the Victoria bridge stretched across the river, looking as if it was so near the water that we couldn't possibly go under it. The Victoria bridge is what is known as a tubular iron bridge. It is one of the largest of its kind and cost $7,000,000. It takes six minutes to go through it, a distance of about a mile and three quarters. There is no light in the bridge but what comes in through twenty-five openings in the sides.

We steamed under this bridge and up to the wharf. All was noise and confusion. Hackmen were shouting, hotel porters were calling in both French and English, and people were hurrying about; but we managed to find our way out of it all, and when we were at last established in a hack, driving to the Hotel St. Clair, we felt as if our visit to Montreal had really begun.

E. K. D.

At the beginning of the year several changes in text books were made. The chief ones were in Latin and Greek lessons, Latin prose and General History. The changes all seem to be for the better.

Notes.

"I made a mistake?"

"Rien ne le *monkey!*"

"Jack-lanterns."

"Case of *cernes.*"

"I am color-blind."

"Little, small book."

"Parliament of fowels."

"Intellect of a mosquito."

"In mud eels are—in clay, none are."

Teacher—"Give a synonym of tired." Bright Boy—"Sleepy."

The first public rhetorical exercises occur Oct. 23. The senior class has charge of the programme.

Miss Mamie Metzger, '93, is visiting friends in New York.

Miss Elizabeth Norton, '92, went to Saxton's River, Saturday, Oct. 10, to attend the tennis tournament given there on Monday by members of the school.

At the next meeting of the Debating Club an entertaining and instructive literary programme on the Land of the Midnight Sun will be presented.

Thus far there have been very few absences in this room; therefore the classes have been able to make better progress than usual at the beginning of the year.

Will Sterl, formerly '93, is attending school at Mt. Hermon, Mass.

Teacher—"Tell about Edward, the Martyr." Pupil—"Yes'm! He was killed."

R. J. Francisco, formerly '92, is attending the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Boston.

Miss Marjorie Spaulding, formerly 94, is visiting friends in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

A meeting of the Senior Class was held Oct. 7 and committees were appointed to select a class badge, colors and flower. The motto question was also discussed, but it was decided to take no action until a later meeting. A programme for the senior rhetoricals was adopted.

The class in Latin lessons is, at present, the largest reciting in this room. The members number twenty-five, most of whom come from the Grammar A and B rooms.

W. B. Baldwin, formerly '91, very pleasantly entertained several of his friends, at his home, Friday evening, Oct. 2. Whist was the order of the evening.

The B's are hard at work on their essays and programme. They expect to rival the Seniors in rhetorical work.

Miss Edith Temple, formerly '93, attends the English and Classical Institute.

Miss Georgie Barnard, at one time a teacher in the Rutland schools, was married on Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Newport, N. H., to Mr. Alvah Chase.

Miss Nellie Brown, formerly '93, is employed in the Combination Cash store.

Miss Nettie Douglass and Miss Daisy Hutchinson, formerly '93, are members of the Institute this year.

There is to be no school in the High School or Grammar A, Monday. All the teachers are to have a visiting day. Mr. Ellsworth is to spend the day in the Roxbury Latin school.

Ye kicking captain of ye ball nine: "Doth thou see that star up there?" Chorus of players: "Why, *we* have seen the moon at 10 o'clock in the morning."

BASE BALL.

A ball nine has been organized this fall, consisting of the following members: Eggleston, captain; Bates, business manager; R. Field. W. Field, Rice, Dunn, Welch, Burt and Kingsley.

A game was played with the Institute boys, last Saturday, which resulted in a forfeited game, the umpires giving it to the R. H. S., 9 to 0. Prof. Perry, of the Institute nine, saw "stars" and would not play out the game.

We will say for the benefit of the R. I.'s that there was not a man who did not wish to play it out except their honorable catcher.

A careful study of the following score, especially during the last two innings, will show *why* he did not wish to play the game to a finish.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

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R. I.—	2	3	0	4	4	1	0	—	14

CLASS MEETING.

The Senior class is "taking Time by the forelock," and has already had meetings to elect committees to report on the class colors, flower, ring and motto.

The colors and the language of the motto have been decided upon.

Quite a contest was had over the language of the motto, but finally Latin was chosen.

The colors are blue and yellow. The boys do not congratulate themselves in this selection and they allowed themselves to be blindly led by the superior (?) judgment of the girls. A spirit of diversity rests upon the ring question, which bids fair to form a "bone of contention" for some time to come.

Our Alumni.

Misses Toohey, Spafford and Sullivan, all of '91, have arrived at the dignity of school ma'ams.

Miss Clauson, '89, is teaching in the Mendon graded schools.

Miss M. P. Goulding, '85, is taking a special course at Wellesley College.

J. S. Sheldon, '91, has entered the Phillips Andover Academy.

H. E. Poronto, '91, entered Burlington College Oct. 11.

Miss Sue Sheldon, '88, who has spent the past two years in Germany, studying, has returned home.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Purdy, formerly a member of '91, and Mr. Curtis, '86.

Exchanges.

As I look over my exchange table I think, "Lo, the poor exchange editor." My shoulders are fairly bent double by the weight of criticism, and my hair is frosted by the snows of many writers.

The *Dartmouth* has a very interesting article on "College Fraternities in Switzerland."

We see by the *Hermonite* that Mary Howe sang there and that her singing was greatly enjoyed by all. Of this we are sure, that our contemporary simply voices our opinion.

The *Res Academicæ*, in an editorial, disputes Mr. Carnegie's opinion as to the chance the college graduates have in the race for life, and our contemporary stands up, as it ought, for college graduates.

The *Alphian* mentions that they have a debating club. Well, boys, take the opinion of one who was once a boy like yourselves, and "keep the bells a ringing."

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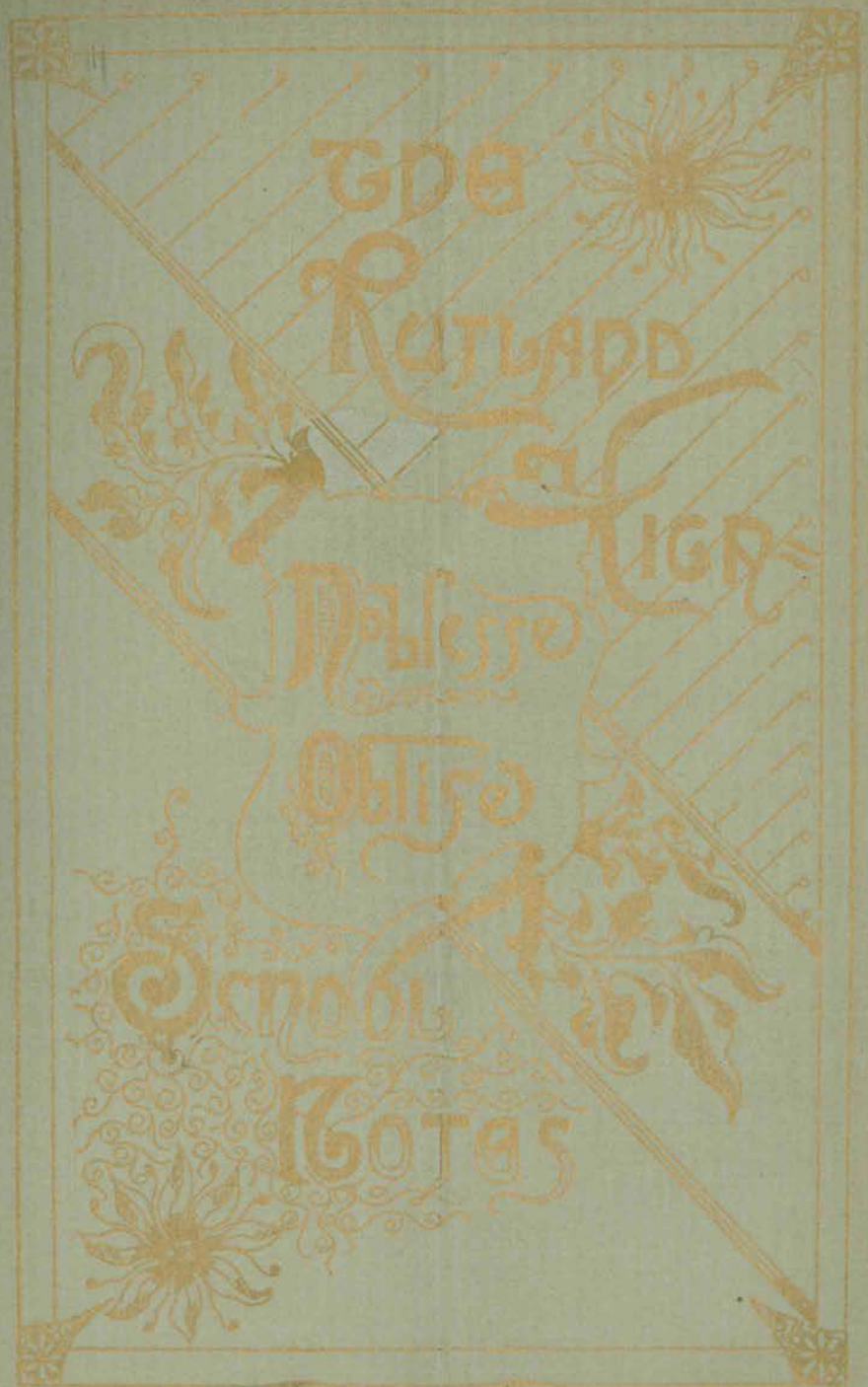

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If no notice be received to the contrary, the NOTES *will be sent to all who were subscribers last year.*

A QUESTION often asked of late is "Does our High School fit boys and girls for college?" There is but one answer. Emphatically, yes. Up to the present year our course has been somewhat deficient, but with the addition of French, Latin prose and advanced Algebra we have a very complete preparatory course.

The trouble in the past has been very largely with the pupils. It matters little how complete the course may be, or how efficient the instruction, unless there be earnestness and faithfulness on the part of each pupil. Very often parents do not co-operate with teachers in insisting that their children shall do their work faithfully and well. It is absolutely impossible for a boy or girl to do well the work required in the High School without spending some time out of school in study.

Frequently home matters, social pleasures, or church duties are allowed to absorb the greater part of the pupil's spare time. For this very reason many people think it advisable to send their children away to school.

It is certainly very gratifying to see a wonderful improvement in the character of the work being done. Those pupils who do well the whole work of our classical course as it now stands will be adequately fitted to enter any New England college.

THE entertainment furnished by the Senior class Friday afternoon proves beyond a doubt that the plan under which it was organized is far superior to the old method. The different members of the class acted as if they had some interest in the success of the entertainment.

Formerly the Friday afternoons were a sort of dreaded event, one being forced to listen to prosy declamations and essays, with here and there a gleam of variety caused by sundry accidents such as a slip of the tongue, foot or memory.

The music introduced into the Seniors' programme helped very much to relieve the sameness which *must* burden literary programmes composed only of selections upon a sedate subject.

More variety is what we need in the future. After the exercises Mr. Temple gave a very interesting talk, in the course of which he mentioned his liking for Mr. Lowell, and hinted that some graduating class ought to present the school with a portrait of the late poet. This is a very good suggestion, and the Senior class could not do better than to take this home, if they conclude to leave a memento of their regard for the school at their departure.

The following is the programme as presented:

Music.....Alice E. Childs
Recitation.—To James Russell Lowell.....Elisabeth Norton
Essay.—James Russell Lowell....Susie G. Long
Recitation.—Scherzo.....Carrie A. Bailey
Recitation.—To the Dandelion.....Helen C. Silliman
Essay.....J. Earl Clauson
Recitation.—In an Album..Margaret F. Mangan
Recitation.—The First Snowfall.....Elizabeth M. Kingsley
Essay.....Lucy D. Cheney
Violin Solo.....J. Harwood Eggleston
Recitation.—Winter; Prelude to Sir Launfal.....Helen R. Goodale
Essay.....Florence B. Patterson
Declamation.—The Origin of Didactic Poetry,.....James M. Goulding
Recitation.—To Lowell.....Gertrude M. French
Recitation.—The Finding of the Lyre.....Alice M. Naylon
Essay.....John E. Welch
Declamation.—To Lowell.....John W. Farrell
Quotations.....Class
Song.....Class

We are inclined to think that the new plan of having three contestants on a side is not for the best; at least it does not appear to bring about the best results. Each participant ought to speak five minutes, or else one could not call him much of a debater.

Under the old plan with two on a side, each had a better chance to prepare a respectable argument. With three combatants the subject is divided into too many parts, and although there may be a considerable number of facts presented by each, the total, owing to this subdivision, seems to be rather small. The several members of the club ought to consider this subject, and should a majority decide in favor of it, amend the constitution. The literary programme of the last meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A few of these sprinkled between the regular debates will add variety and zest to the meetings.

The R. H. S. Debating Club held its regular meeting on Friday, Oct. 16, the president in the chair. The debate for the next meeting was announced as follows:

Resolved—That our Republic will sink into the decay which befell the nations of antiquity.

Affirmative—Eggleston, Tuttle and Gilmore.

Negative—Clauson, Harwood and Lawrence.

This debate promises to be one of great interest, both on account of the many views and arguments which the resolution allows and also from the fact that some of our most energetic debaters are brought forward.

A literary programme was then presented which, with some exceptions, was well rendered. The readings were from Paul Du Chaillu's "Land of the Midnight Sun," and all the selections had a bearing upon the same land, Norway.

PROGRAMME.

Declamation.—A Norwegian Song.....Pierce
Reading.....Eggleston
Declamation.—The Norseman's Ride...Hamilton
Reading.....Clauson
Declamation.—The Owl.....Russell
Reading.....Dunton
Reading.....Tuttle

The programme was enjoyed by all, and the readings especially were instructive and entertaining.

As we look over the large class of '94 we cannot but think that there must be much talent there which only needs bringing forth and cultivating to enable it to instruct the younger classes, when '92 and '93 shall have passed away. We sincerely hope that '94 will enter into the debates with much zeal and become proficient in the noble art of debating, which is assuredly an essential in the education of any man.

Literary.

Raleigh's Part in the Colonization of America.

Sir Walter Raleigh, the great pioneer of American colonization, by his chivalrous conduct, by his victories in Ireland and over the Spaniards his most bitter enemies, became Queen Elizabeth's greatest friend. He used her favor to good advantage. He obtained from her the right to establish colonies in any region in America not already colonized and to have the absolute government of such colonies as he might plant.

In 1583, with the aid of his half-brother, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, he fitted out a fleet of five vessels for founding a colony in Newfoundland. Raleigh was prevented from going and it was well that he was, for Sir Humphrey and some of the ships were never seen again.

The next year he sent two vessels to explore the coast of the Carolinas, which brought back glowing accounts of the country which they had visited. The description which Raleigh gave the queen of this expedition so delighted her that she named the county Virginia and helped him to fit out vessels for the purpose of founding a colony there. A fleet of seven ships with one hundred colonists on board, to each of whom five hundred acres of land in the new country had been promised, set sail in April, 1585, under the command of Sir Richard Grenville and Ralph Lane. Grenville treated the natives very unkindly, and after a serious quarrel with Lane, set sail for England.

Lane and his comrades now set to work to establish a settlement on the Island of Roanoake. They built a fort, but neglected to build houses and plant crops. They seemed to think that they could live on the wild fruits of the earth and they imagined that Virginia was the true Eldorado, and instead of settling down to farming they spent their time in scouring the main land in search of gold mines. Finally their stock of provisions was nearly exhausted, sickness broke out and they were threatened with actual starvation when a fleet commanded by Sir Francis Drake, appeared off the coast of Roanoake Island. The colonists begged to be taken back to England and accordingly all hands set sail. One of these men brought back the tobacco plant to England.

They had not been gone very long when Grenville, who had been sent back by Raleigh, arrived at the island, only to find it deserted. He left fifteen of his men with provisions for two years and returned to England. The next spring Raleigh sent out one hundred and fifty colonists under the command of Captain John Smith, who found that the fifteen men left by Grenville had perished by the attacks of the Indians. Smith came back to England when the ships returned for more colonists, but Raleigh was too much taken up with other affairs to lend him the aid for which he had

come, so after a brief stay in England he returned alone, on a ship bound for the West Indies. He arrived in Roanoake on a hot day in August, but could find no traces of the colony he had left a few months before. He searched everywhere in vain and it is not known to this day what became of them.

Raleigh's dream of founding a colony in America was sadly dispelled by the fate of those who had perished there. He turned his attention to other things, but he never lost sight of his project, and firmly resolved that some day in the future he would resume it. Once in the later part of his life, when great misfortune had overtaken him, he wrote of the Virginia colony: "I will yet live to see it an English nation," which he did.

WHY THE LEAVES TURN.

In the happy time of long ago the leaves, like the people, lived much longer than they do now. Instead of turning and falling off each autumn, they were green all winter; and only now and then one fell to the ground and withered.

But one day in the fall there was to be a party. It was given by October and all the leaves were invited. Of course they accepted, but they were very much troubled because they all would have to wear dresses of the same color. Many were the consultations they held about it, and it was at last decided to ask Jack Frost to help them; for they knew that he was a very wonderful magician, and could do strange things when he chose. They told him all about it, and he agreed to try to mend matters. The next morning when the leaves awoke they found themselves arrayed in the most brilliant colors. The maples were dressed in pale yellow, orange, or red, the oaks and sumachs in dark crimson, and the other leaves in different hues. That evening they all went to the party. On account of their beautiful dresses they were quite the belles of the occasion, and had a fine time. But before many days had passed they began to feel ill and when winter came they all lay, brown and withered, on the ground. But the hemlock, pine, spruce and fir trees, who were so small that they did not attend the party, were bright and green all winter. The next spring new leaves appeared, but in October they all changed their dresses as before, and then fell to the ground and withered.

It has been the same ever since, and the foolish leaves have been well punished for being so very vain.

THE MINERVANS.

The second meeting of the Minervans was held Friday, October 16th, there being a good attendance, only five absent. After all necessary business was attended to, the following programme on Quebec was rendered, it being the second of a series of programmes on Canada:

PROGRAMME.

Quebec ..... Reading
Miss Bessie Otis.

Quebec ..... Essay
Miss Anna Humphrey.

Rapids of the Lachine ..... Recitation
Miss Clark.

Twilight Reverie ..... Music
Miss Henrietta Spafford.

Wolfe and Montcalm ..... Recitation
Miss Musa Peabody.

Gray Nunnery and Old Churches of Montreal, ... Essay
Miss Cheney.

Chaleur Bay ..... Recitation
Miss Mattie Powers.

Music .....
Miss Childs.

A Model Discourse ..... Recitation
Miss Norton.

At their next meeting the Minervans expect to finish their study of Canada. It is not yet fully decided what the next work will be.

CUPID AGAIN.

Mr. Herbert Curtis, '86, was married Tuesday noon, Oct. 20th, to Miss Clara Purdy of Manchester, at one time a member of the class of '91. Many young people from here went down, and report a most pleasant time. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Curtis will reside in Rutland.

Miss Bessie Pond, formerly of the class of '92, and Mr. James Coates were married Tuesday, Oct. 16th, in the presence of relatives only.

Miss Eva Spafford, once a member of the High School, was married last week to Mr. George Rowell.

Surely we wish them all much happiness.

Notes.

"Ivanhoe!"

"Herd of bees."

"A smack in school."

"Where's the motto?"

"Womanhood, himself."

"The horse quietly put his head between his *paws*."

Miss Cassie Willis spent last Friday in Albany.

The members of the High School favor the idea of having a visiting day at least once a week.

Mr. Ellsworth took a party of boys to Arlington, lately, on a nutting expedition.

Mr. Arthur Lewis, '93, who has been out of school some time, on account of sickness, returned Monday.

The Seniors' colors are blue and gold, and the members of that class are now to be distinguished from the rest of the school by bows of these dainty colors.

Miss Bessie Verder, '94, is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Alice Childs spent Sunday in Wallingford.

Teacher—"Who was the star of the Elizabethan age?" Bright Girl—"Henry VIII."

Teacher—"What is the chief business in Cincinnati?" Scholar (hesitatingly)—"Pig making."

Miss Lizzie Kingsley, '92, has been absent from school for several days on account of sickness.

Miss Mamie Metzger, '93, who has been visiting in New York, has returned to school.

Teacher—"Meaning of ostracism?" Bright girl—"Turned out into the cold."

Miss Kelley and Miss Ruggles spent Monday, Oct. 12th, in Castleton, visiting the State Normal School.

Miss Mamie Kingsley, formerly '94 but at present a member of the Saxton's River Academy, made her parents a short visit last week.

Mr. Charles Dunton of Middlebury college was in town last week to attend the Choir Festival at the Episcopal church.

Mr. James P. Sawyer, formerly a member of '92, who has been at home some time on account of sickness, has returned to Andover.

Messrs. Eggleston and Goulding have lately been brought to the front. How true it is that noble minds can never remain long in the background.

It has been suggested that each class, as soon as it enters the High School room, shall select its class-color, instead of waiting until the last year. It is hoped that this plan will be adopted and that the B's and C's will soon make their selections.

A new system has been instituted by which an interchangeability of pianists is effected.

Miss Spaulding, '94, is expected home soon from the West, where she has been making an extended visit.

The class in English History is making very good progress this year. It has already begun the Plantagenet line of kings. At present it is making a careful study of Ivanhoe.

Miss Edson, formerly '89, and Miss Alice Long, at one time a member of '92, gave about forty of their friends a very pleasant straw ride to West Rutland Friday evening, Oct. 16.

Football is now the rage and "on every night" after school the young gentlemen of the High School may be seen suddenly transformed to howling maniacs, rushing hither and thither with fire in their eyes, bent on maiming their best friends. The High School ball is beginning to show traces of the innumerable kicks which have been bestowed upon its leathern sides, but the sturdy old fellow bids fair to serve for yet another season.

Our Alumni.

Miss Grace Potter, '91, is attending school at Saxton's River.

Miss Edith Grout, '85, made a flying visit to Rutland, a few days ago.

Miss Frances Kingsley, '88, a teacher at Saxton's River, spent last Sunday in town.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, with a friend from Saxton's River, was in town a few days ago.

Mr. Richard Wooster, '91, is expected home Friday night.

Exchanges.

Our exchange table does not look quite so full this time, but still there are some moulders of public opinion (?) on it. Among them we see the Lawrence *High School Bulletin* with its handsome cover.

The *Dartmouth* has several editorials, booming athletics. We are glad to see the interest and wish that all our colleges could take delight in every kind of out-door sport without having the betting that now seems a necessary adjunct.

The *Undergraduate* has arrived and some criticism concerning it may not be amiss. Naturally we high school boys look to a college paper to set us an example, but we can hardly take this number of the *Undergraduate* as a model, unless the multitude of errors are eliminated, especially in the editorial department. Here is an example of a gross mistake which no careful editor would have overlooked: "There can be no doubt but these lights are clearer and steadier than that given by most kerosene lamps."

The editors of the *Alphian* say that to fill the columns of a school paper with matter suitable and pleasing is an impossibility." In accordance with which they have filled a half a column with the names of the editorial staff.

The *Laurentian* has a very good article on "A Boy's College Days."

Among others we would mention *The Academy Student*, St. Johnsbury, Vt., *Bristol School Talk*, Bristol, Vt., *The High School Register*, Omaha, Neb., *The Cadet*, Denver, Col., *The Oak, Lily and Ivy*, Milford, Mass., *The High School World*, St. Paul, Minn., *The High School Breecia*, Deering, Me.

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It has been suggested by some one that a quartette should be organized. Well, why not? Our next musical, of course, is going to eclipse all previous efforts, and some arrangement of the kind is essential to its success. Somebody having a sufficient interest in this matter ought to take it up. We are sure that Miss Phinney's services can be enlisted in the selection of music. There is another matter which we wish to mention. Why not have a few solos, vocal and instrumental, on the next programme? We cannot begin too early to make dispositions for the next festival. The more so because, in the future, this promises to be the *only* festival of which Rutland can boast. A little better attention during the daily singing period is one of the means by which we can show our interest in the future prosperity of this delightful branch of our work.

And so we are to have a hospital! Oh, you needn't stare and look incredulous! Take our word for it, a hospital for Rutland is assured. Even now the scholars of the Primary departments are *piecing bed quilts for it.* Perhaps this will be almost too much for your credulity, but visit the aforesaid schools any day and you will find out the truth of the statement. Is there any one in Rutland who is doing any more practical work for this cause? The teachers report that the pupils are very much interested in their work.

A number of complaints have been received lately from scholars of the lower classes, saying that they do not have a proper share of the local department appropriated to them. This is largely their own fault. Of course the local editors cannot insert anecdotes of which they are entirely ignorant. Any one of the editors is ready at all times to receive contributions for the paper. If anybody has an article (it makes no difference whether it is a short local or something more substantial), let him hand it to one of the editors.

Literary.

"Say, what is honor? 'Tis the finest sense
Of justice which the human mind can frame,
Intent each lurking frailty to disclaim,
And guard the way of life from all offense
Suffered or done."

Honorable men or honorable women are certainly worthy of admiration, are they not? Now, during our school life we are forming ways and habits which, to a great extent, will follow us throughout life; therefore we should so conduct ourselves as to be perfectly willing to reap that which we have sown. Honor is one of the grandest qualities which a human being can possess; therefore cultivate honor. No one can admire a treacherous person or one who has proved a traitor to his country; no one can trust him; he is degraded in the eyes of the world and of his Creator.

No boy or girl can look into the future and wish to be of this stamp. Air castles are built on a foundation of truth and greatness. Now, while in school, a great motto to take is, "To thine own self be true." If you are true to yourself you can but be true to others. Please bear one thing in mind, that all those little dishonorable acts which are committed hurt the actor more than they do any one else. I'll own its a great temptation when the teacher's attention is called somewhere else or he is out of the room, to do something which is not strictly in keeping with the requirements of good order. Well, good, honest fun is certainly honorable, and I wouldn't give much for a young person who couldn't depart from the paths of Puritanic propriety once in a while, but, I wish to emphasize this strongly, don't do any of those little, low tricks which are so disgusting to those around you. Yet it is not for the sake of your companions that I ask this, but for yourself. It does no harm to your teacher, it does no particular harm to those around you; it just harms you and no other.

Be loyal always. Never mind if, once in a while, your companions put your name along with that class of people who are commonly called prigs. Better be called a prig than a coward,

"For loyalty is still the same,
Whether it win or lose the game."

The William Cullen Bryant Homestead.

Few poets are fortunate in possessing as many residences as Bryant—the one at New York City, a country house called Cedarmere at Roslyn, R. I., and the old family homestead at Cummington. The last is seldom referred to in print, but is far the most interesting. Some years ago this summer I was fortunate in visiting the place, and many happy reminiscences of favorite spots were poured into my ears by a personal friend residing on the place.

More than a mile from Cummington Village, at the summit of a beautiful hill, reached by a winding road, lined on either side with grand sugar maples, is the site of the poet's birthplace. The present house is the original one, remodeled, but the little room where he wrote "Thanatopsis" remains nearly the same, and the window from which he composed the "Rivulet" is untouched. The architecture of the house is very plain, but the vines climbing in abundance add a picturesque air.

Passing through the front entrance, my attention was called to dozens of sticks thrown under the porch. Mr. Bryant's custom was to cut and carve his walking cane when starting out for a stroll, and on the return, deposit it upon the pile. A simple act like this was so revered that not a stick has been allowed to be removed.

The library contains cabinets of the standard authors, including his own works. In the center is the table at which he translated portions of the "Illiad" and "Odyssey," and the time-honored chair. A certain number of hours in the morning were devoted to writing. A pet dog, of which he was very fond, used to sit by him, and, from long continued habit, knew just when it was time to stop for a romp. If Mr. Bryant overran the time the dog was a faithful monitor and would jump upon the table, scattering the books and papers till his master could work no longer.

From the library windows is to be seen a most expansive and varied view. It was just after sunset, and I could easily imagine how the muse might play upon the poet's fertile imagination. I could fancy how he might hear the whispers of the breeze, the voices of the birds, distinguish the fragrance of the flowers, the strength of the "everlasting hills," and I did not wonder that such a lovely region produced America's greatest poet of nature.

In the dining room stands an ancient timepiece, specially valuable, as the case is of beautiful inlaid work. In Mr. Bryant's chamber are two sets of dumbbells and the stretcher over the closet door, with all of which he took vigorous exercise, even to the last.

At the rear of the house is the dairy, often mistaken by visitors for a family chapel. A few steps further on is the "rivulet," where the visitors love to linger.

This house is owned by Mr. Bryant's maiden daughter, Julia. Another house, known as the Upper Bryant place, is at a short distance, the poet's gift to another daughter, the wife of Parke Godwin, the historian.

He erected and gave to the town of Cummington a substantial library building. This is filled with a fine collection of books, a fitting monument to his memory and the just pride of the people.

The poet was excessively fond of children, and used often to frolic and romp with them and toss them in the air with evident delight. He would take a child on his lap and compose many a rhyme, as fast as he could talk. The Sabbath school was often addressed on temperance and other themes, and among that people he has left an endearing name.

During the hot summer months his family came here for cool and quiet. I remember, when a child, meeting them out for a drive, and I shall never forget the dignity of the face, the nobility of the brow, the hoary head and beard, and, as another bard has expressed it, "The million wrinkles that carved his skin." That graceful and reverential bow has often come to mind.

Bryant's last years lacked much of the geniality of some of the poets, but this may be accounted for in the death of his wife, which was a severe blow. In the biography of himself, which his friends compelled him to begin during declining years, he speaks of his own personal character as a reflection, in great part, from his mother, of whom he writes in the highest terms.

First Boy—"Are owls very wise?" Second Boy—"Not very; they only know enough to last them over night."

Womanhood.

When do we take the step from childhood to womanhood? Is there any fixed moment? No, it comes at different times to every one of us. We are never mistaken, though, as to when we pass the border line. We may not know it at the time, but some chance thing brings it to our notice and we realize that we have left the fair fields of childhood behind and are wandering on in pastures new. Our childhood may or may not have been very lovely to us, yet there is a pang in our hearts when we know we have passed it forever by.

The road we are on will often be very lovely, and the scenes, many of them, beautiful, but they are unknown, and we have left something very sweet and tender behind. Who is it that says, "Standing with reluctant feet where the brook and river meet"? Isn't it Longfellow? And is not that just the feeling that comes over us when we stand there and look first forward and then backward, with a yearning look? Some people carry their childhood into womanhood. There is a look in their faces as of being rudely awakened from some pleasant dream. Now and then we see persons who have never lost this look but carry it with them always. Our love goes out to them without a thought and they are usually worthy of it.

Womanhood is an awakening, I think, in more than one way. Before we come to this cross-road, where the path grows wider, we go sauntering on in a dream-like way, taking life as a beautiful story and not asking for reasons; but when we reach this point we find out that we are not in the world just to enjoy ourselves. We have more than this to do, and we must each find our place and help to make life what it should be. What a responsibility for us! And still there must be in us power to do our part or we should never have had it assigned to us. If we are set to work in rough places, that is no reason why we should become hardened or the least bit coarse. Let us keep pure whatever we do. We must have our womanhood with us, with its crowning type, gentleness. Let us never lose it or put it one side, but carry it everywhere. There is no place where it may not enter and be respected.

L. D. C.

Minervans.

The regular meeting of the Minervans was held Friday, Nov. 6th. The subject was Canada, as were the two previous ones. It was voted to have a debate at the next meeting instead of a literary programme. The subject has not yet been decided upon.

The following programme was rendered:

CANADA.

Music, - - - - - - - - Piano Solo
Miss Agnes Meldon.

Falls of Chaudières, - - Recitation
Miss Alice Higgins.

Toronto, - - - - - - - - - Essay
Miss Hattie Porter.

Pegasus in the Pound, - Recitation
Miss Ruth Norton.

Music, - - - - - - - - Piano Solo
Miss Carrie Daniels.

Vancouver Island, - - - Reading
Miss Etta Franklin.

Ottawa, - - - - - - - - Reading
Miss Mangan.

Jupiter and Ten, - - - Recitation
Miss Mamie Metzger.

Juanita, - - - - - - - Vocal Duet
Misses Kelley and Wilcox.

After the rendition of this programme the Critic gave her report, after which the meeting adjourned.

Notes.

"Mr. President."

"Vexed the *house*."

"He ordered themselves."

"Weeping with many words."

"Dollar out o' me own pocket."

"They hold their mouths shut!"

"No longer is his dagger busy among our *flanks*."

The "fires of genius" are again burning in the vicinity of the school house. Their fragrant incense and pleasing smoke invade the sacred precincts of the school room.

Miss Gertrude French, '92, who has been out of school through the past week, on account of ill health, has returned to school.

The decree has gone forth and the Virgil and Cicero classes *must* study Latin composition, much against the desire of the pupils.

Miss Bessie Verder, '94, who has been out of school several weeks, on account of sickness, is slowly improving.

Stearns, our assistant business manager, recently placed a mirror in the sanctum. His example has already been followed by the business manager, Keyes, who has placed there a clothes brush. Both of these articles are for the use of "editors only." We are extremely obliged to both Stearns and Keyes for their kindness and forethought for our worldly needs. It is expected that the other editors will soon do something towards supplying the sanctum with several other needful articles.

Teacher—"Lower the window, please." Smart Boy—"From the top or bottom?"

The B's rhetoricals occur to-day. Their programme, a miscellaneous one, was prepared by a committee consisting of Miss Donnelly, P. Goulding and Burnham.

The C's, the new class in the High School room, have quickly taken up the customs of that room, and their work is now moving smoothly.

The B class reports the recitation in General History as the most enjoyable of the day. At present they are studying Greek History. Miss Clapp has made the lessons very interesting by exhibiting several specimens of Grecian art.

The boys of the Cæsar class complain that they cannot hear the girls. Perhaps if some of the energy displayed in the hall was transferred to the class, the reviews would be read more understandingly.

It seems to be the general opinion that the R. H. S. does not prepare scholars for college. It is the desire of the school to correct this mistake, and it is hoped that before the end of the year a statement of the work done by the school may be published in the NOTES.

Some of the Senior girls have become so brilliant that it is with great difficulty that the teachers are distinguished from them.

Where are the samples of the class ring?

Miss Emma Hussey, '91, a schoolma'am of Rochester, Vt., spent Sunday in town.

Miss Nelly Toohey, '91, who is teaching in Mendon, was at home over Sunday.

Mr. Ellsworth spent last Saturday in Port Henry.

Exchanges.

We welcome a new arrival, *The Golden Rod*, and its cover fully justifies the name printed on it in gold letters.

The *Rugbian* has some advertisements on its cover that don't improve the looks, and though it may be a deaf ear to advise, we feel in duty bound to speak of it.

Our honored contemporary, the *Lever*, announces that if it "had a place to stand it would move the world." Well, now, the world is a very big thing and suppose you try something smaller, boys. For instance, try the United States.

The *Oak, Lily and Ivy* announces that it is the third oldest school paper in Massachusetts. We are very glad of the information, but we don't see as yet any appearance of age.

We think that the interest in the *H. S. Student* of Plattsburgh would increase among its contemporaries if an exchange column was added to its contents.

The Dayton *H. S. Times* comes to us with a cover that suggests an antediluvian attempt at wood cuts, and we think most of our contemporaries will agree with us.

The *Antiochian* shows bad taste by allowing advertisements in its local columns.

THE R. H. S. DEBATING CLUB.

The R. H. S. Debating Club held its regular meeting Friday, November 6, the President in the chair. The subject of the next debate was announced as follows:

Resolved, That the World's Fair should not be opened on Sunday.

Affirmative—Rice and Davis. Negative—Campbell and Dunton.

Declamations by Page and Barker.

The debate of the day, subject, *Resolved*, That our Republic will sink into the decay which befell the nations of antiquity, was then opened. Affirmative—Eggleston, Tuttle and Gilman. Negative---Clauson, Harwood and Lawrence.

Eggleston, in opening, gave a number of strong points, but rather reserved the best for the final answer.

Clauson, principal on the negative side, gave an eloquent address, showing the causes of the decay of Old World countries and which, he said, were causes from which the United States could never suffer. His argument was exhaustive and well deliverd, and received a round of well-deserved applause. Tuttle took up several weak points in Clauson's argument and put up a good argument, saying that one of our great points of danger is the great flood of immigrants which threatens to ruin our government.

Harwood, second for the negative, gave a strong and well delivered debate, giving many aptly-taken quotations from modern politicians.

Gilman, for the affirmative, gave some good points, as did Lawrence, the last on the negative. We are very glad to see that the C's are becoming much better debaters.

Eggleston and Clauson then made their respective closing remarks and the judges retired, soon bringing in a decision of three for the affirmative and two for the negative. The whole debate was exceptionally well argued, and the defeated side certainly need not feel discouraged. Indeed it was a hard decision to make.

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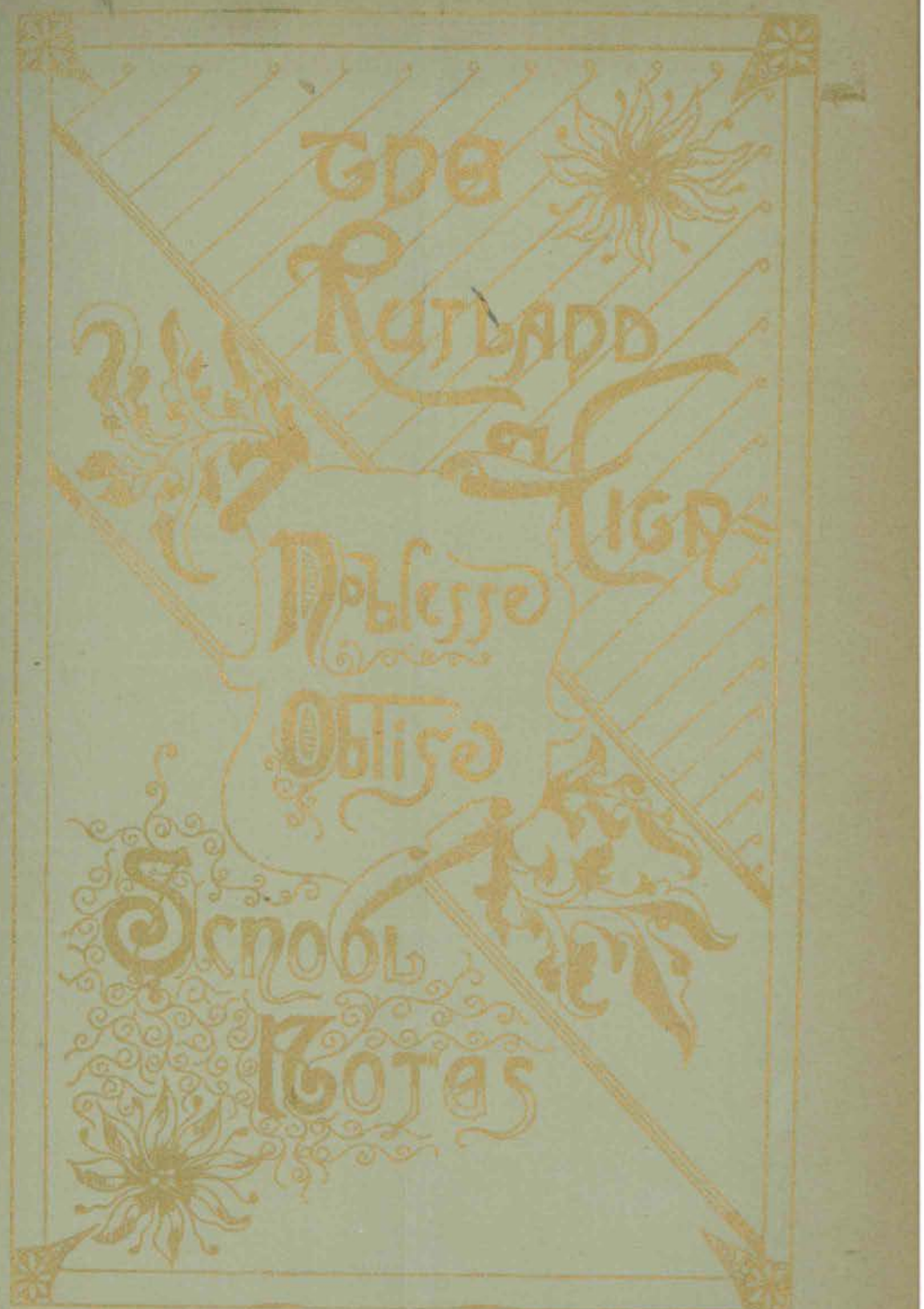

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WHAT is the matter with our Alumni? Did you ever mark that little notice in the heading which reads thus: "Contributions from Alumni and others thankfully received"? Please don't think that because you have graduated you have severed all connection with the R. H. S. and its paper. We want to hear from you. It makes no difference in what class you graduated. Perhaps when *you* graduated there was no *regularly* printed paper, but we are sure that you must be interested in all improvements introduced for the advancement of your Alma Mater. The NOTES is published for *your* benefit as well as for the school's. Write to us and send your name and residence, if nothing more, that we may put you on our Alumni list. We wish each one to consider this as *a personal invitation.*

Now just a word about subscriptions; especially right here in our own school. We have been looking up this subject lately and have arrived at the conclusion that something must be done.

It is not only your duty to subscribe, but to influence your friends to do so. We were surprised to learn from the lips of one of the hopeful C's that he didn't know that the school published a paper, and though this may be one of the most aggravated cases, we think it about time that charity began at home. How many subscribers do you think we have in the R. H. S.? Here is the list by classes:

	Whole No. in class.	Subscribers.
A.	19	11
B.	26	21
C.	35	14
Total,	80	46

Surely we ought to do better than this. There should be 80 instead of 46 subscribers in our own room, and besides, the Grammar A's ought to have some interest in the paper, as they are to furnish an editor next year.

After considerable meditation we have determined to offer an inducement to those who will secure sub-

scriptions. Any person bringing in one or more names besides his own, before the end of this term, will be mentioned in the paper with the number of names handed in; and he who gets the largest subscription list, not to be less than two names besides his own, shall receive the NOTES free for one year. We think this a very liberal offer, and hope that each member of the school will appreciate it.

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THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

What can more move a thinking man's heart and rouse deep and marvellous feelings than a total eclipse of the moon? As one watches the black shadow moving steadily across the face of the moon, slowly blotting one by one those dark spots, dark craters on the surface of our beautiful satellite, strange thoughts come and intrude themselves upon our minds. Thoughts of the immensity of space, the wonderful motions of the universe, the marvellous completeness of its arrangement, the insignificance of man, the glory of God! Then is the time when one ceases to think of worldly themes, but dreams of things no mortal can ever know, which no telescope can ever discover.

And what can be more wonderful than the way in which we poor foolish mortals can figure out the exact time and place of an eclipse years in advance?

We are given enough knowledge to be able to appreciate the wonders of the heavens, but we can never know more about the *actual* motive powers of the heavenly bodies than does the child who cries for the silver moon for a play thing.

B RHETORICALS.

The programme presented by the B class Friday, Nov. 13, was quite interesting. On the whole, comparing very favorably with the one that preceded it. The programme as rendered was as follows:

Music.—Piano Duet. - -
Anna Humphrey and Grace Farmer
Declamation.—Regulus to the Carthagenians, - - P. McDonough
Essay.—Review of Green Mountain Boys. - - - Robert Rice
Recitation.—The Sweetest Picture. - - - - - Addie Schryver
Declamation.—Charge of the Lightning Judge. - - William Tuttle
Essay.—Defense of Xanthippe. - - - - - Fritz Burnham
Declamation.—Historic Trees. - - - - Philip Goulding
Recitation.—Mary, Queen of Scots. - - - - Mamie Donnelly
Essay.—In Great Grandmother's Time. - - - - - Arthur Keyes
Music.—Vocal Duet. - - - - Mattie Powers and May Jackson
Essay.—Russian Vehicles. - - - - - - Walter Dunton
Declamation.—Little Foxes. - - - - - - Van Harwood
Recitation.—Angel of Patience. - - - - - Etta Franklin
Essay.—Land where the Lost Things Go. - - - - Inez Taylor
Recitation.—Never or Now. - - - - - - - Harry Bates
Recitation.— - - - Agnes Fisher
Essay.—In Great Grandmother's Time. - - - - - Marie Metzger
Recitation.—The Day is Done. - - - - - - Edith Dunton
Essay.—Russian Vehicles. - - - - - - - Julia Canty
Essay.—Orpheus' Descent into Hades. - - - - - Ernest Russell
Music.—Vocal Solo. - Anna Kelley

The C's give their entertainment three weeks from that day. They have a large class and probably have a very enjoyable afternoon in preparation for us.

Literary.

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

The rumors from Europe, indicating the possibility of a war between Russia and Turkey, while they may not denote any very dangerous prospect in the near future, are at least sufficiently interesting to call the attention of the entire outside world to the condition of European affairs. It is not very probable that there will be any war at present, but the powers of the continent are decidedly uneasy and any reliable prophecy is impossible. The situation of European affairs has for the past centuries been intensely interesting and well worthy of study, but it is doubtful if ever there has been so much prospect of a complete upsetting of the continental checkerboard as at the present time. The old longing for "universal power" which first found expression in the Medo-Persian empire, and the question of the "balance of power" which has since the dark ages largely influenced the movements of all nations, are both prominent factors in the present difficulty. There are certain phases, however, in this difficulty which are well worth at least a moment's attention. The present Dreibund includes Germany, Austria and Italy, with a total population, in the three countries, of 115,000,000 people, and armies aggregating 3,171,280 soldiers.

Against this league are now France with her 38,000,000 inhabitants and 1,392,200 soldiers, and Russia whose population is 104,000,000 and whose army numbers 2,300,000 men.

Now it is proposed to join Servia, Sweden, Montenegro, Denmark and Greece, with their 695,000 soldiers to those of Russia and France, and this league will be able to place in the field an army numbering 4,387,200 men as the fighting power of 148,200,000 people.

If this league is formed it will in some respects seriously change the outlook of affairs, and, so nearly balancing as it does the power of the Dreibund, the interesting question of the day will be the attitude that England will take. It is a question if she remains neutral, and in the event of the Russian-Turkish war it is possible that she may assist Turkey to some extent. But of course it is mere conjecture, and circumstances will largely determine the case. But none of the powers of Europe can well afford a war, and this fact somewhat lightens up the future.

France has an immense debt upon her hands, a debt that is constantly growing larger and larger. She has also an increasing tax list, already largely disproportionate to the ability of her citizens to meet its demands, and the expense of maintaining her immense army by no means lightens the burden. It is questionable if the insane desire for revenge against Germany for her seizure of the Rhenish provinces can much longer be nourished on an empty treasury. At present it would seem that France, at least, should not be in a warlike mood.

But Russia is as bad off if not worse than her ally. The exacting demands of a heavy national debt and of a heavy loan are little likely to be pleasantly responded to by a people who are already trodden under the heel of a cruel tyrant and whose main source of livelihood has this year been denied

them by fickle nature. The failure of the Russian government to negotiate another loan of the French financiers is significant and may show how little dangerous are the recent roarings of the Russian lion.

The Dreibund is perhaps a little better prepared for war than are Russia and France, but it is doubtful if it will be the aggressor.

Turkey will in some respects play an important part in the game. To her perhaps the war will mean as much, if not more, than to any other nation in Europe.

It is well known that she is the representative of Mohammedanism, a religion that is opposed to all rules of Christian decency and common sense. If a war breaks out it is not unlikely that she will lose her place in the world, and sink into comparative insignificance. She is weak compared with her surrounding foes, and without help from outside powers she may be almost wiped from the face of the earth.

To Armenia, whose people Turkey with a despotic hand has kept in the vilest state of dependency, the war may mean freedom and a national independence. The Armenians, as descendants of the first people that accepted Christianity, have for centuries been held in Turkey's cruel tyranny, in a bondage so close that all expressions of national prospects are forbidden. The very name "Armenia" has an unknown sound to the captives of the oppressive Turk. They are treated as little better than dogs, and their lives are worth less in the eyes of the Mussulman than those of the lowest animal. But it is to be hoped that their future may be brighter than their past, and that some day Armenia will resume her stand among the nations of the world.

While the war may not come in the present century, it is certain that it must come, sooner or later, as the only means of clearing up the difficulties and adjusting the disputes with which Europe has for a long time been afflicted. It will be a struggle that for death and carnage will find no equal on any page of the world's history. The aim of man since his creation has been to perfect new methods and implements of warfare each more destructive than the last, until at the present day war has resolved itself into a wholesale murder; every battle, however, acting as a lesson in the course of instruction by which mankind is to learn of the unity of humility and the advantages of peaceful living.

RABBIT HUNT.

Early in the morning of a fine Saturday in November, two young gentlemen, scholars from the R. H. S., started out hunting.

They had borrowed a horse from a friend, and a long-legged, strong-voiced hound. The horse was somewhat lame, but by diligent application of the whip he attained a high rate of speed.

They had started from Rutland before sunrise. and as they drove on past fields and patches of woods, gaining finally the mountain road, the early morning showed its beautiful sights which are granted only to him who seeks them at such an early hour. The merry warblers had long since flown to their winter homes in the Sunny South, and the silence among the leafless trees was now broken only by the musical tinkle of the brook, thinly covered with winter's first coat of ice, and the occasional rustle of some winter-birds busily searching for seeds.

The sun rising into a cloudless sky, painted it a thousand shades of pink and purple, and the firmament seemed still more beautiful seen over the dark ridges of spruces that hemmed them in. Once or twice a chipmunk rushed across the road, making a sharp rustling among the dead leaves and twigs.

At length, leaving their horse in a barn by the roadside, they struck across the fields and entered a small swamp, full of brush and raspberry bushes, a noble place for their game, and also a most noble place for scratches and wet feet, both of which the two hunters received in good measure. After many tiresome minutes of wading, shin-scraping, etc., hark! far away, beyond a wooded knoll, they hear the faint, clear bark of the hound, then another, and then a succession of yelps, which announce to their gladdened ears that the good hound is upon the scent of a rabbit. And now he is coming nearer, and the hunters quickly take positions on an old wood-road, where they may see the game if it passes. Steadily on comes the dog, nearer and nearer, till suddenly the rabbit comes plunging down one of the small avenues between the bushes. A gun is quickly aimed and fired, but strange to relate, when the smoke clears away, Brer Rabbit is seen going in the opposite direction! Another shot is fired and the poor rodent "lays him doon to dee" Thus the first game is secured and the hunters move on through swamp and clearing, woods and bushes, with good success. Once the hound starts a rabbit as the *chasseurs* are in the very act of biting two respective sandwiches, and then it was an amusing sight to see the lunch fly to the four winds and the hunters seize their guns and rush to positions whence they might watch for the quarry:

"As he who hears the warder's call,
'To arms!' The foemen storm the wall!"

The last rabbit of the day is a wary one and by his surprising running disturbs the equilibrium of the hunters. He runs in all directions and leads them a hard chase from point to point, and several times was seen just disappearing in the thick bushes, as the puffing sportsman arrived at his supposed point of vantage. But he at last runs through an open space and the two guns are discharged at him in quick succession, the last shot taking effect and stopping his proud career. His race is run, and so well run was it, that he all but escaped.

Day was now waning, and the wearied sportsmen took their way to the barn where they had left their horse in the morning, and as they drove home they recounted the various exciting incidents of the day's sport and woke the echoes with shoutings and songs of rejoicing. The intoxication of hunting is the only positively harmless one. One may drink his fill and only feel the better for it. Rabbit hunting may seem to some rather a feeble sport, but let one of the little fellows come rushing past you like a lightning stroke, while the "music of the hound" is filling your ears, and you will feel that this is one of life's greatest pleasures. No one who has once really become fond of hunting ever loses the liking for it. Old men enjoy it as much, and more, than when they were young.

In due time our two young hunters arrived at their homes, wearied but merry, and doubt not they enjoyed a peaceful night's repose.

"From thy rest, tired hunter, borrow
Strength for other toils to-morrow;
When the glad reveil shall sound
And the voice of horn and hound
From the rock and wood rebound."

Notes.

"Particle. Article."

"She charged himself."

"Aged seventy years old."

"Don't all speak at once!"

"Flunk—I mean miss!"

"Demosthenes talked with his mouth full of cobblestones."

Mr. Ellsworth spent Thanksgiving at his home in Whiting.

Will Field, formerly a member of '94, has left school and expects to go South soon, with his mother.

Inquiring maiden.—"Why are there no floating islands?" Bright youth.—"Because they are all hitched to the bottom of the sea."

Miss Mangan and Miss Kingsley, both '92, spent Thanksgiving with friends in Wallingford.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, and Miss Frances Kingsley, '88, spent Thanksgiving at home, but returned to Saxton's River this morning.

Miss Mamie Metzger, '93, who sprained her knee some time ago, is still confined to the house. Her schoolmates are sorry that she will not be able to return to school this term.

Many of the scholars are of the opinion that, since they were deprived of a holiday at the time of the State Teachers' Association, any of these pleasant days will answer as well.

The Seniors are again getting impatient concerning their rings and motto. The committee on mottoes is ready to report, but it has been decided to wait a few days before calling a meeting, in order to give the committee on rings time to decide on something which may possibly please both girls and boys.

The girls are anxiously awaiting to see which of their members will develop great minds and be brought to the front.

A new use has been discovered for the school oil can. It has been suggested that its contents be applied to certain shoes, as well as to the desks.

A change has been effected by which Stickney, '94, occupies the much prized seat, lately the abode of Eggleston, '92, who has now returned to the background and a back seat.

The Cicero class still retains its reputation. The presence of a visitor seems to distract the members' minds and to drive every thought of Latin from their brains.

The debate of the Minervans, the first this year, and only the third ever given, shows that the girls, as well as the boys, can debate. At some future time, it is hoped that a debate between the two clubs may be arranged.

The Physical Geography classes are laboring with the effects of the moon on the tides. Let the A's, who have been there themselves, give you their advice and say that it requires a great deal of brain power to understand that difficult subject.

The programme of the B class was very well rendered, and was enjoyed by all. There were many visitors present. We now await the C programme to complete the rhetorical work this term. Miss Clapp is to help that class, and although it will be the first appearance in this room, the exercise will probably be very enjoyable.

The school-board has anticipated a desire expressed above, and has granted not one, but two holidays. Remember that Thanksgiving comes this week, and that we also have Friday for ourselves.

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THE incendiary fires which have been prevailing in different portions of Vermont, of late, bring to mind the time when Rutland was visited by the same kind of an occasion. At that time fires occurred almost daily, and the services of a detective were required to unravel the mystery of their origin and arrest the offenders. The vacant space between Mr. Ross' house and the old Porter block still remains as an ugly reminder of the work of the fire fiends. Rutland has thus far failed to build up this burnt area, which was, at that time, the business part of the village. People in business wanted to be as near the railroad as possible, therefore the center of trade moved "down town." It is the opinion of the NOTES that *now* is the time to build and fill up this vacancy. Right now, while we are considering a plan for beautifying our town for the attraction of summer visitors, this place comes foremost in our minds as the most suitable situation where a beginning should commence. Of course, people who come here to enjoy a short sojourn wish to have a quiet place near to railroad facilities, trade, and church. Where can a better place be found in Rutland for such a purpose? Everything that a boarder could wish is near at hand. The horse cars go past every half hour, and those who wished to go shopping could be carried to the very door of the store which they wished to visit, if they preferred to ride. The park in front would then be utilized as a play-ground for children instead of the vantage ground for loafers. Improvements would be made in its appearance, also, which, we are sorry to say, it needs very sadly. When we consider the feasibility of the plan we are more and more struck with wonder at the tardiness of Rutland business men to seize this golden opportunity. It must be evident to everybody that a fine hotel or some substantial blocks would be much more acceptable to look at than the high, weather-beaten board fence which at present obstructs all the view westward.

The system introduced by Mr. Ellsworth, which has been in force this term, has shown excellent results. Very few of the scholars will take examinations, and the marks of most of these approached very near the limit. Such a scheme is the surest way to spur on ambitious pupils, to their best efforts, just as the spirit of friendly rivalry between classes in the matter of rhetoricals is doing. The C's programme, Friday, shows most clearly the effects of this. All unhesitatingly pronounce it the best one yet presented, and to this the NOTES adds its hearty approval.

Literary.

From Vancouver to Winnipeg on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In the early part of July of the present year I was journeying eastward on the Canadian Pacific railroad between Vancouver, B. C., and Winnipeg, Man. The scenery and everything else about the trip was a succession of surprises.

From Vancouver for some distance the road is quite level and runs through a newly-settled country, for the development of which the railroad is largely responsible. But soon the Cascade Range has to be crossed, and the road winds along the most natural and convenient path, the valley, or rather cañon, of the Fraser River. The course followed by the railroad is most remarkable. As De Lesseps said of another road in America: "It is a most audacious piece of engineering." On one side is a precipice, on the other side is the turbulent, green Fraser. Often the train seems about to pitch forward into the river, when, with a sharp curve, it rushes into a tunnel cut through a rocky promontory. After keeping the course of the river for about one hundred and forty miles, the railway crosses the plateau between the Cascades and the Selkirks. The ascent to the Glacier House, which is two miles west of the summit of the Selkirks, is made by a long, snaky, triple loop, from the highest curve of which four tracks can be seen. After leaving the Selkirks the Rocky Mountains are crossed, and then comes the long, gradual slope of prairie from the Rockies to Winnipeg. Through the mountain divisions of this railroad there are miles and miles of snow-sheds and other snow barricades, around most of which summer tracks are provided, so that passengers may lose no glimpse of the ever-changing scenery.

The natural beauties on this line are far too many to enumerate here. I shall name only a few that I recall very vividly. The first landscape that impressed me was Shuswap Lake, in the Cascade Range, a headwater of the Thompson River. This sheet of water, which is so clear and has such vivid reflections that it is almost the same either side up, stretches in among the mountains with many arms, like an octopus. Steep promontories are between these arms and the beach is only a few feet wide. This lake is full of salmon and during the fishing season the shores are dotted with Indian tepees.

The Albert Cañon is a remarkable river-bed. It is a deep fissure, in which, three hundred feet below the track, the Illiciwaet river boils and roars along in its narrow course. The width of the gorge at the top is very deceptive. I saw no one who could throw a stone across it, though it looked very narrow, and I doubt whether the Father of his Country could have thrown so far. At the bottom, however, it is barely twenty feet wide.

The Great Glacier of the Selkirks is another impressive sight. It seems just above the station at Glacier House, and, in fact, is but a short distance away. It is a vast plateau of light green ice, larger, it is said, than all the glaciers of Switzerland combined. The melting of this glacier feeds the Illiciwaet.

The scenery about Banff, in the Canadian National Park, is grand in the extreme. This portion of the government reserve is in a particularly wild and rugged part of the Rocky Mountains. Tall, bare peaks tower on all sides, most of which are pyramidal in structure. The park contains many glacier streams and lakes, and also sulphur springs, said to possess wonderful curative properties.

After leaving Banff and proceeding eastward, the mountains are soon left behind and the traveler is treated to a long stretch of sage-brush country. The fauna of that region consists principally of gophers, prairie dogs and rabbits with a sprinkling of tame bears, and mounted police. The ride across the plains has little to vary its monotony, and it is rather a relief to reach Winnipeg.

It is impossible in so short a space to enlarge on the wonders along this new railroad, especially as they are so numerous as to be confusing. Probably the ones in which I was interested would not attract the attention of others. But, at any rate, I should recommend this route of travel to the Pacific coast as by far the most beautiful in natural scenery.

Hereafter, even if a scholar attains a high standing in his class, and is absent one-tenth of his recitations in any study, he must take an examination in that study.

The Corn Palace at Sioux City, Iowa.

Sioux City is a typical western place, having about 50,000 inhabitants and a great deal of Western enterprise; and for several years it has built each autumn a Corn Palace, all the towns and counties around assisting. The inhabitants of the city would scorn the idea that everyone did not know all about their palace, but nevertheless, since Vermont is so far away, perhaps an account of the one built this year, which I was fortunate enough to see, would be interesting.

Of course I had no definite idea what it was like and was very much surprised at its size the first time I saw it.

It is arched across a street, so as not to interfere with the travel, and extends one block on each side of it.

The framework of the building was of wood but was entirely covered both, inside and out, with corn and other grains in all sorts of beautiful designs. On the top of a tower which was in the centre of the building was a large horn of plenty, made of corn. Outside, sitting on the ground eating their lunluncheon, or watching the passers-by, you would see crowds of Indian braves, squaws and papooses. Just across the Missouri river is a reservation, and there are always a great many Indians in the city. Inside the building, on the first floor, were the two main rooms. In one there was a large platform, where a band played all the time. Here they had dances and masquerade balls in the evening. Here, also, the merchants and business firms of the city and some of the neighboring counties had booths. One of the prettiest of these was that decorated by the Electric Light Company. There were several figures made of corn, and in their hair tiny lights that flashed like

diamonds, and above was a very large diamond of the lights. There were some very beautiful petrified mosses and leaves in this room.

In the other large room, down stairs, were curiosities brought from all parts of the United States. Up-stairs were the booths decorated by different societies or individuals of the city. Some of these were very beautiful. The first one I saw was a representation of Uncle Tom's Cabin. This was a little house built and furnished with corn. In the little yard outside was a well where you could draw water, and near it sat a negro playing on a banjo. Cleopatra was there in her barge, surrounded by her boatmen. The group which took the first prize was called the Origin of Corn. This consisted of illustrations from Hiawatha. The figures were quite small, and underneath, in letters of corn, were the lines which the different figures were intended to represent. Among the other groups were Romeo and Juliet and Cupid in his chariot. There was a library, a study, a bedroom and a drawing room, furnished appropriately, in corn. The furniture of the bedroom was presented, when the palace closed, to a couple who were married in one of the rooms. There was a grotto made of corn and grasses and lighted with electric lights, as, indeed, the whole building was. On the closing day two farewell concerts were held, then the building was put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder. He pulled it down and sold the lumber and corn.

The privileges were restored last week, just in time to be again taken away. Does it not seem as though there was too much nonsense in the High School room? Certainly, all the scholars should unite in upholding the "Dignity of the R. H. S."

C CLASS RHETORICALS.

The C Class rhetoricals occurred on Friday, Dec. 4, and they undoubtedly carried off the palm. The laurels of the R. H. S. rest upon the youthful brows of the class of '94. The programme was gotten up and prepared with great care and amply repaid the labor of the C's by its great success.

The recitations were well rendered and the musical numbers were very enjoyable. Many thanks are due to Miss Clapp for her persevering and conscientious labors in drilling the class. The following is the program:

Essay, ... J. G. Whittier.
Cora Gilmore.
Recitation, . . . The Old South.
Mary Rainville.
Piano Solo, ... I Puritani.
Agnes Meldon.
Essay, . . . Conspiracy of Pontiac.
John Page.
The Poet's Story of Whittier.
Misses Porter, Flynn, Higgins, Thomas, Otis and Messrs. Fisher and Lawrence.
Essay, . . . The Spanish Armada.
Hattie Winship.
Declamation, . . . Our Autocrat.
Guy Vail.
Banjo and Piano.
Misses Spafford, Peabody and Sam Hamilton.
Essay, ... Can a Dog Think?
F. Pierce.
Recitation, . Angels of Buena Vista.
Phily Baker.
Essay, ... A Day in 1778.
Mary Gilson.
Selections.
Kittie Haynes, Carrie Daniels.
Recitation.
Bert Stickney.
"Boatman's Song."
Misses Norton, Martel, Wilcox, Gosselin and Parkhurst.

Essay, . . Conspiracy of Pontiac.
B. Burt.
Reading.
J. N. Gilman.
Recitation.
Grace Blanchard.
Essay, ... Pandora's Box.
Ruth Norton.
Recitation, ... My Triumph.
Adeline Ross.
Quotations—H. Morton and F. Barker.
Class Song—"The True Test," .
. . . . . Whittier.

Notes.

"Privileges!"

"Bounced!"

"In certain."

"Isn't any sister!"

"Fac totum bene."

"His nose advanced faster than his feet."

Miss Lucy Cheney, 92, is visiting her sister, who is teaching in Buffalo.

Miss Ruth Norton, '94, spent Sunday with her sister at Saxton's River.

Good behavior has at length had its reward, and Goulding, '94, has been moved into a seat near the back of the room. Burnham and Davis, both '93, at present occupy the coveted seats of honor.

Miss Mamie Kingsley and Miss May Sawyer, who are both in school at Saxtons River, spent Thanksgiving with their parents.

The all-important day of this term is safely passed. The names of those who have attained a standing of eighty-five or more have been read, and all other scholars must take the examinations. Happy those who are exempted.

Miss Florence Patterson, '92, who has been out of school for some time, on account of sickness, has returned.

Miss Cassie Willis has returned to school after several days absence on account of sickness.

Miss Nellie Ross, at one time a member of '91, made her parents a short visit a few days ago.

Miss Mamie Metzger, '93, who has, for a long time, been confined to the house on account of an injury to her knee, returned to school Monday.

The C's programme passed very pleasantly, under Miss Clapp' direction. The platform was prettily trimmed with plants, silk flags and draperies.

The examinations of the scholars who have not reached the required standing, have begun. Judging from the faces of those that have taken them, they are rather hard.

Several exclamations concerning the irregularity of the Alumni column have been heard lately. As many of the Alumni are out of town, and nothing is heard from them, and as those in town do nothing worthy of mention, there is no material from which to make Alumni notes. To be sure, the editors are prodigies of learning, but then they can't make something out of nothing.

At a recent meeting of the Senior Class, after a long struggle, the motto and class rings were chosen. The motto is, "Fac totum bene," which, in English, means, "Do everything well." The ring is a simple gold band, with "R. H. S., '92," engraved on the outside and the motto inside. The whole class seems satisfied with the motto, and the ring is probably as satisfactory as any class ring *can* be.

Our Alumni.

H. E. Poronto, '91, who is attending the U. V. M., is at home on account of sickness.

Fred Bailey, '89, who has been in Battle Creek for some time, is home, much improved in health.

Miss Lilian Heath, '91, made a short call at the H. S. when she was at home from Middlebury.

Miss Emma Hussey, '91, was in town for a short visit not long ago.

Miss Sarah Wynn, '89, who is teaching in Mendon, spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Miss Myra Wynn, '92.

Miss Jessie Clauson, '89, made the High School a visit last week.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, arrived home from Saxtons River to-day to spend the Christmas holidays.

Exchanges.

Another new exchange is on our list now, and we are very glad to welcome the *Baker University Index*. The article on "School Life in Japan" is very interesting.

The *Alphian* bobs up serenely with a good article on "The Influences of Public Opinion," and the beauty of the article is that every statement is true, something you don't always find in the essays printed in school papers.

Our old friend the *Cue* contains a good *story* entitled "Zack." The small hero of the story, however, came to a very untimely end, instead of winning glory and renown, as is usual.

The *Adjutant* mentions that the boys had a run after three sprightly hares on Oct. 9th. This is the first mention of "Hare and Hounds" we have seen in any of our exchanges, and it is rather curious to see how the rage over football leaves all other games out in the cold.

The *Review* announces that Washington is soon to be favored with an orchestra. Music is a great thing; and we are sure that our contemporary won't have cause to regret the formation of this band of devotees to the shrine of music.

We take our microscope to examine some snowflakes, and to our surprise see a little paper that bears the title of the *Sunbeam*. Under the lens it looks about as big as a beetle. Too bad such a gem should be worth only ten cents.

The *Advocate* has a very funny article entitled "A Boy's Essay on Tobacco," in which he describes his first smoke, and compares the after-feeling to that produced by Epsom salts.

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HAVE you made any good resolutions for the new year?

Another leaf has been turned over in our lives, and January 1st we commenced upon a clean page.

We know pretty nearly what is written on the page just turned. Shall we not endeavor to improve upon it this year?

Let us so conduct ourselves that when the time comes for the turning of the next page, we can compare this year's record with that of last year and find a decided improvement.

WE heartily sympathize with our worthy contemporary, the *Herald*, in its late disaster, and are very sorry to hear that it hath not where to lay its head. We know how heavy such a blow would be to us, and are thus able to fully appreciate the great force with which it must have fallen on the *Herald*. We would gladly offer it the use of *our* sanctum until its own is ready for it again. To be sure, ours is rather large, and some of the *Herald's* effects might be lost in one of the distant corners, but by a thorough search we think we could probably succeed in finding them.

INSURRECTION has again broken out in the ranks of the senior class. The apparently buried subject relating to a class ring has again thrust its disagreeable head above the calm horizon of class unity. As usual the young ladies are to blame; they make it a too personal matter altogether. The class ring should be the choice of the *majority*, and not that of any individual member of the class.

Some of the young ladies appear to be greatly grieved, however, because they cannot have just what *they* want. This frivolity on the part of the feminine portion of the class leads us to remark with the immortal poet: "Oh, what fools these mortals be!"

With the beginning of the term, the seats of the scholars were changed. Some are pleased with their new quarters, while others do not wish to say much about theirs.

THE A's SOCIABLE.

The A's held their first sociable Thursday, Dec. 17, 1891, at the home of ex-President James M. Goulding.

A good time was enjoyed by all. Different games were played during the evening, one of the most exciting being that in which a person was blindfolded, turned around until he could not spell his own name with confidence, and then sent to cut down a prize from among a number suspended from the top of the door-casing. Many and varied were the trophies brought down by the uncertain shears of these blind treasure-hunters. Our honored Professor received congratulations upon securing a jack-in-the-box which squeaked every time he was uncovered. "Greco" brought down a box which contained a delicate little souvenir spoon. The green-eyed monster immediately took up its abode in the hearts of all the others. Welsh received a fine specimen of the rubber doll manufacturer's art. Miss Bailey severed the string which held in suspense a brass watch (23 k.) La montre était bien belle; la montre était bien bonne, et quand *elle* marchait, la montre marchait. She immediately broke the ice (crystal) just to get a better view of its shining face, which was modestly covered with its hands. Two young hopefuls cut down packages enclosing surprisingly active mice, which could be made to dart into the face of some nervous young lady in the most startling manner, causing her to beat a hasty retreat, giving vent to her distress the while by several of those delicious little screams of which only one of her sex is capable.

Several musical instruments being found among the spoils a hastily formed orchestra rendered an original overture *ex tempore*. Some of the young gentlemen say that *now* they can fully appreciate Donizetti's feeling when he wrote that touching line: "Sad thing to wander far from home." Well, boys, let us make duty a pleasure. "Don't be bashful in a good cause."

THE MINERVANS.

The Minervans gave a very interesting public Friday, Dec. 18.

The debate was well handled by both sides, and showed the result of the debative training which they have acquired since the club was formed. It was a case where Greek met Greek, and we will add, in strictest confidence, that it is the first time that we ever witnessed the touching sight of one woman allowing another to have the last word in a discussion.

The declamations and musical numbers were especially well rendered.

In closing, Mr. Ellsworth, with his characteristic kindness and regard for our improvement, in a few well chosen remarks, presented to the club a bust of Minerva.

Miss Goodale, the president, in an appropriate speech, thanked him in behalf of the Minervans.

The following is the programme:

Music—"A Fisher's Song."
Misses Bailey, Willis and Jackson.
Recitation—"Minerva." Miss Baker.

DEBATE.

Resolved—That we derive greater profits from the defects of others than from their excellencies.

Affirmative—Miss Long, Miss Taylor.
Negative—Miss French, Miss Dunton.
Summary of Arguments—Miss Wilcox.
Piano Solo—Selected. Miss Childs.
Report of Judges.
Recitation—"A Modern Discourse." Miss Norton.
Adjournment.

The judges, consisting of Miss Norton, '85, Miss Needham, '86, Miss Gilson, '88, Miss Parker, '89, and Miss Clauson, '89, gave a decision of four for the negative and one for the affirmative

Literary.

A TRIP TO EARTH.

There was great confusion in the "moon regions," for the ruler (I do not know whether he is called a president, king, or if he has any title, so I have called him "Mr. Moon") was going to visit the earth and see if it appeared to better advantage near to it than at a distance.

During the two or three years preceding this day there had been several from the earth to visit the moon and its surroundings, and so Mr. Moon, like a sensible fellow, had determined to profit by the improvements that the visitors had told him of, and one of the first things which he determined to test was the air car, and he accordingly had one made ready for this visit. Sinking into the one seat of the car, he pressed a large button, and, with one last look on his familiar domain, he started for the earth.

His car landed in the "City of Churches," and, alighting from his airy vehicle, he proceeded to look around him. The first thing that called forth his admiration, or rather surprise, was a car going without any horse or visible guide. Surely that was "too strange to be true," and finding a blue-coated person near, he asked him if they allowed the horses to run away?

"Where on earth did you come from?" asked the policeman, as he looked at the strangely attired figure before him. (And it was certainly a queer-looking mortal that could hardly see into the policeman's face; and the shortness of his person was made more plain by the stoutness of his figure, which was attired in a blue coat with brass buttons, below which were knee breeches, and to end all, long stockings and buckled shoes).

"Well," said Mr. Moon, after he thought the other had looked him over enough, "I don't belong to the earth—I came from the moon." Hearing this, the policeman readily explained the cable car, and then took his man to the "big bridge," which Mr. Moon found was not as it looked through the telescope of the moon, "a long clothes line strung from pole to pole," but was a firmly-built, wonderful bridge.

After admiring the elevated road or "railroad on stilts," that he had before thought it to be, Mr. Moon took out his car from the case he had kept it in, and, touching another button, with many thanks for the policeman's kindness, he moved swiftly toward "Marble City" to visit the marble quarries.

He did not try to enter the quarries with his air-car, but entrusted himself to a very obliging young man who had undertaken the trip in the elevator many times, but never with such a queer looking fellow as this. The elevator was more like a good-sized dry-goods box than anything else, but it carried them down to the depths below with a steady movement that was half pleasant, half disagreeable. The smoke rising from the fire below made one recall the pictures of the infernal regions, but if Mr. Moon thought of this he did not say so but listened attentively to the explanations that the pleasant guide gave him.

At last they were in the quarry and it seemed to Mr. Moon as if he had come from the heights above to the depths below in a very short time. His guide very pleasantly told him that he could follow the quarries out a quarter of a mile or more if he wished, but that he would wait for him there. But Mr.

Moon had seen all he cared to, and so they ascended to the upper land, and, after saying good-by, Mr. Moon hurried, in his car, to Killington, from where he thought, as some others have done, that he could see all of the world that was worth seeing; and while a wandering hand-organ grinder tortured "Home, Sweet Home," Mr. Moon, having passed the hotels and other places, started in a direct route for the moon, and some said that night, "How dark the moon is," but it was only the crowd of people near the edge of the moon welcoming their ruler back again.

TIME KEEPERS.

The watch and the clock are the most recent invention for measuring time. Before the making of these, time was computed in many different ways. Probably the first was by the movements of the heavenly bodies. The Egyptians computed one day from one sunrise to another, the Greeks and Italians from one sunrise to another. The astronomers of to-day begin at noon. The days of all of these were composed of twenty-four hours. The Chinese day was twelve hours, one hour twice as long as our hours.

These were only unsatisfactory methods; and the people soon found out that they needed something more accurate. They have invented numerous instruments, among which the sun-dial, the clepsydra, the hour-glass and the ancient clock are the best known.

The sun-dials were probably the first used, or at least the first we have any record of. It is not known by whom it was invented, but it was probably about 660 B. C. The first mention of it is found in the Bible, in both the book of 2d Kings and Isaiah: "And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the Lord; and he brought the shadow ten degrees back, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz," (which allowed Hezekiah to live longer when he was sick unto death.)

It consisted of a style or pin, placed in the center of a plate of some hard material or metal on which it cast its shadow. On this plate were marked the hours, so when the shadow of the style reached a certain point they knew it to be so late. There were also moon-dials. But as the sun-dials were worthless at night or on a cloudy day, another time keeper was much needed, although after the clepsydra was invented sun-dials were used. They are sometimes seen even now in rustic gardens and old church yards.

The clepsydra is said by some authors to be as old if not older than the sun-dial. One kind was a tube or transparent vase, on the sides of which were marked the names of the hours of the day, and through a hole in the end water was allowed to drain out slowly. They were used entirely in Egypt at the time of the Ptolemys' reign. Another was invented soon after, which was a great improvement on this one. It consisted of a tube marked exactly as the one before mentioned, having a figure which by the pressure of the water arose and pointed to the hour. They are mentioned by all the greatest of ancient writers somewhere in their works; very much as the sands of the hour glass are referred to by many of the more modern ones. About the time of the fall of Rome these hour-glasses were introduced in Europe, where soon afterward they came into common use, but were abandoned for pendulum clocks, which were a great improvement on them. They were still in use in the 18th century.

Sand-glasses are the most recent of all these ancient inventions. They consist of a glass tube which contains some sand. If this is overturned, the sand will empty into the other end in the time of one hour. Almost every one has seen them, as they are very common now as curiosities. They are also called hour-glasses. Almost every one of the last generation has seen them, for they were used in New England in Puritan time.

Thus has progressed the art of keeping time by the different instruments, until now it seems to be as near perfection as possible.

Notes.

"It."

"Fire!"

"Sackwool."

"Gracefulest."

"Nighthood."

"Flime ties."

"Horses' fur."

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Will Sterl, who is attending school at Mt. Hermon, spent the Christmas vacation at home.

Mr. J. M. Goulding, '91, has left school and is employed by the Vermont Marble Co. He is greatly missed by his classmates, who unite in wishing him success in his new business.

Miss Marjory Spaulding, '94, returned to school last Monday.

Teacher—"What was the result of the English wool trade?" Scholar—"War."

Girls have always been considered the most curious of beings, and are continually reminded of it by the boys. But they would like to know what prompted certain of the boys when they climbed onto the fence across the road to see what the girls were doing in Miss Clapp's room.

Teacher—"Spell the preposition through." Bright lad—"Thrue."

Lewis Sheldon, formerly '91, and James Sawyer, formerly '92, returned to school January 5th.

The motto of '92, "Fac totum bene," has been put on the wall in blue and gold, the class colors, and now smiles down on all the scholars, inciting them to "do everything well."

The public debate of the Minervans passed off successfully. At the close of the meeting Mr. Ellsworth presented the club with a fine bust of Minerva.

In a recent examination in one of our rooms the following rule for pronunciation was given, which will be appreciated by all the Latin pupils: "Words of more than two syllables are accented on the *peanut*, if that be long; otherwise on the *antepeanut*."

Rollo Francisco, at one time a member of '92, has returned to his school in Boston.

The recitations come in the same order as last term, with the exception of the second and fourth periods, which have been interchanged. The change has had a beneficial effect on the French class, as it gives the members a whole period before the recitation in which to prepare the lesson.

The regular election of officers of the Debating Club took place Dec. 18. The election of Minervans does not occur until the middle of the present term.

Eggleston has been appointed president of '92 in place of Goulding, who has left school.

Robert Gilmore, formerly '92, did not return to Andover with his classmates on account of his parents' illness. He will go later.

The essays of the Seniors have again been prepared and work on their next rhetoricals will soon be begun.

Clauson, '92, who was worsted by la grippe during the first week of school, returned Monday, Jan. 4th.

Miss Laura Cheney, '86, who is teaching in Buffalo, spent her vacation at home.

Miss Katherine Norton, '85, and Miss Frances Kingsley, '88, spent Christmas in Rutland.

John Woodward, '87, who is a cadet at West Point, had forty-eight hours leave at Christmas time.

John Sheldon, '81, has returned to school at Andover.

Miss Helen Stewart, '88, who is at Mt. Holyoke, spent her vacation with her parents.

H. E. Poronto, '91, who has been home some time on account of sickness, has decided not to return to the U. V. M. this year.

Miss Blanche Verder, '91, visited the R. H. S. when she was at home at Christmas time.

Mr. Henry Aiken, formerly principal of the R. H. S., who is now teaching in Pennsylvania, visited the school Friday, Jan. 8th.

The R. H. S. D. C. held a meeting Friday, Dec. 18. No debate was held, the only business transacted being the election of officers. J. Earl Clauson was elected president, Arthur H. Lewis vice-president and J. E. Welsh secretary. There were no rival candidates in the field, great unanimity being expressed for all the candidates. The next debate occurs Friday, Jan. 22. Subject: "Resolved, That a Republican form of government is better than a Monarchy." Affirmative, Keyes, Stickney. Negative, Russell, Vail.

Exchanges.

We greet a new contemporary. The name of this prodigy is the *Progress* of Vergennes, and there is one gem in its literary column entitled "The Advantages of Curiosity."

The *Rugbian* has got its back up and evidently can't take a criticism in a decent way. Let it be understood by our honorable contemporary that no insult was intended, and that if people can't read plain English they must expect to make some very bad mistakes.

The *Golden Rod* contains a very good article on "Patriotism and the Schools," which everybody ought to read.

The *Academic* in an editorial announces in a gleeful way the advent of a piano into the St. Albans High School. No wonder the boys and "young ladies" feel delighted. We have had our experience and know what it is to wait for one.

The *Hendrix College Mirror* has a very good article on the "Y. M. C. A. Department in College Journalism." The Y. M. C. A. has done a great work in our country, and one especial branch of its work is in the colleges of the United States, so it is but fair that some notice should be taken of it.

The editors of the *Undergraduate* ought to have a triumph of ten days decreed them by the Alumni of Middlebury. The December number has a new cover that ought to make glad the hearts of those accustomed to the old one.

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AH! at last the "beautiful snow," which all have longed for, has arrived. Now the farmer wends his peaceful way to the wood lot, where the corded piles of maple, beech and birch have been waiting to be hauled home since early December. The forests resound with the ax and saw of the lumbermen. The teamsters are busy hauling the logs to the mill, or transporting the clean, aromatic timber from the busy saw to the lumber yard. In the city, the jingle of bells tells the new-found joy of some happy couple, as they glide past you at a brisk trot, filling the pedestrian with momentary envy, and the envied with a desire that life might be one long ride over the glistening snow, in a sleigh just large enough for two. Those jubilant bells affect you wonderfully, too, don't they? There is a mysterious power about them which seizes hold of you and makes your blood fairly tingle. Yes, everyone seems to be satisfied and happy. Sleighing parties are the order of the day. The young ladies of the R. H. S. are not backward in this; they have ordered a class ride. Very well, it is leap year; they can have as many as they wish—or feel *able* to indulge in. As we have already mentioned, it is a time of general good feeling, and the young men of the class are, consequently, especially inclined to humor the young ladies in this little matter. Let us have a class ride by all means, and the sooner the better.

WE are very glad that the music is to be resumed. There was an overwhelming majority in favor of it. We are glad of that, too, as it ensures its future success. Let every one make an individual effort, then there can be no trouble about inattention. We should keep our "Musical" constantly in mind. Attention at these daily lessons will also ensure the success of the "Musical."

THERE ought to be somebody generous enough to give the poor editors a lamp. Nothing is now lacking in their *spacious* sanctum but the above-mentioned article. The importance of this

matter has been dawning upon us for a long time, and now, after a private interview with the janitor, all doubt has vanished.

CLASS SOCIABLE.

The second A class sociable of the (school) year was held at the home of Miss Cassie Willis, on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 21. Progressive games were the order of the evening. Owing to the oft-mourned scarcity of the sterner sex the girls had frequently to be partners of each other, and it was noticeable that the girl-partners more frequently won, which was certainly consolatory. At the first table some four of the class were successively indulging in the piscatorial art. The two securing the least number of *crabs* were promoted to table No. 2, where tiddly winks formed the subject of contention. From this table the winning pair removed to the domino stand. The next table held a game of chance in which a person tried to snap ten brass rings *a la tiddly winks* upon some hooks set in the cover of the box, which was set up so as to form a wall. Table No. 5 supported the most delicate and susceptible game of all. It was nothing more or less than the far-famed "jack straws." After the twelve numbers upon the cards were played, refreshments in the form of ice cream and cake were served. This made the company so hilarious that a song was called for immediately. Accordingly, with Miss Norton presiding at the piano, a rousing chorus was given, in the repertoire of which many popular and ancient college songs were found.

The first prize, consisting of a beautifully decorated *simillimus*, a Damascene blade, was awarded to Miss Long. Some envious neighbor at once likened its handle (which consisted of a chicken's claws *dormant*) to Miss Long's intellectual digits. Another malignant wit (of course a boy) found a great similarity between its crooked blade and its possessor's tongue. Miss Long's customary good humor was not disturbed, however, and everybody went home in a happy frame of mind.

R. H. S. DEBATING CLUB.

The first meeting of the term was held on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 22. The newly-elected officers were in their places and the members of the club listened to a good debate. The subject was: Resolved, "That a Republican form of government is better and of more benefit to the masses than a Monarchial form." On the affirmative were Keyes and Stickney; negative, Russell and Vail.

Keyes argued that the President's power is limited by Congress, but that the rulers of European monarchies have power to raise armies, make war, and do inestimable harm to their countries. He illustrated the corruptions of the English government and the exploits of members of the royal family, which had deprived them of the respect of the English people. He also touched on immigration to this, a free country, from the monarchies of Europe.

Russell, principal on the negative, showed how Rome and Greece, after being republics, became sovereignties. He also showed up the many evils of ballot-selling and the like in a republic. Stickney and Vail then followed, and after the principals had answered some arguments of their opponents, the judges retired. While they were out Mr. Ellsworth made a few remarks on education in different countries and also on the question debated. The judges brought in a decision of three to two in favor of the affirmative, and the club adjourned.

Literary.

A Day in Quebec.

In the summer of 1889, the writer, in company with several others, had occasion to visit the quaint old city of Quebec.

We left Montreal by boat in the evening and were up early the next morning admiring the grand and beautiful scenery of the St. Lawrence, not forgetting to keep an eye open for the city we were about to visit.

When we came in view of the city the sight was sublime and imposing.

On the left was the city of Quebec, situated on a promontory 300 feet high and jutting out into the broad St. Lawrence, while on the right was Point Levis, a city ranking third in commercial importance in the Dominion.

Straight down the river was the beautiful Isle of Orleans, which Cartier christened the Isle of Bacchus on account of its rich wines. As we approached the city, the steep precipice where Wolfe and his army scaled the heights on that memorable day, when he defeated the French under Montcalm (and thus changed the history of the whole continent) was pointed out to us.

This was of interest to me as my great great-grandfather fought in that battle under Wolfe. A little farther on we saw the place where Montgomery fell in his gallant assault on the British block house.

As we stood upon the dock, above us was the Dufferin Terrace, a broad promenade overlooking the Lower Town and the surrounding country forming part of the massive wall which surrounds the city.

Dufferin Terrace was built by Lord Dufferin while he was governor-general of Canada, and occupies in part the site of the *Chateau St. Louis*, the palace of the old French governors.

A score of vociferous cabmen pressed around us, and selecting the most reasonable of them, we entrusted ourselves to his care, and passed through the Lower Town on our way to Beauport and the Falls of Montmorenci.

The streets of the Lower Town are narrow and crooked and the houses very old and quaint, reminding one of the pictures of the streets of Boston one hundred and fifty years ago.

The drive to the Falls of Montmorenci is a most picturesque one. Crossing the St. Charles river, we passed by numerous cottages inhabited by the Norman French, who retain the customs, annals and superstitions of their ancestors.

Their houses are plastered on the outside, with thick walls, huge chimneys boxed with wood, and their roofs reaching within a few feet of the ground. We met French market women, with their two-wheeled carts and chubby horses, going to market with their vegetables and now and then we came across curious vehicles called *calèches*.

These are wonderfully shabby and rickety two-wheeled carriages, with the driver perched upon a narrow seat in front of the passengers, and urging on his little horse with frequent cries of "*marche donc!*" We came to the ruins of an old *chateau*, at one time the headquarters of Montcalm.

Alighting from the carriage, we examined the ruins of the old palace and found the cellar to be constructed of a succession of arches, in one of

which we found an old Canadian sleigh which was a curiosity to our eyes. The Falls of Montmorenci are formed by the Montmorenci River rushing over a steep precipice 251 feet high just before its confluence with the St. Lawrence.

The view of these falls is grand and sublime; a sight that will not easily be forgotten.

Most of the water rushing over this steep precipice dissolves into a fine spray before reaching the bottom, producing a most beautiful effect. After returning to the city we drove to the Plains of Abraham, where that important battle between the French and English took place. A monument bears the proud inscription: "Here died Wolfe, victorious. Sept. 13, 1759." On the way to the Plains of Abraham, we passed the house in which General Montgomery's body was laid after the battle of December 31st, 1775. The citadel was the next place of interest visited. This is much higher than the Upper Town, being 345 feet above the St. Lawrence river. The entrance to the citadel is guarded by a stone encased road, passing a curious chain gate, a moat and a triangular space frowning with guns.

Within are guns, barracks, magazines and other paraphernalia of a fortress.

The flagstaff bastion commands one of the finest views in the world, being the highest point of the promontory on which Quebec is situated. The guide showed us a small cannon taken by the British at the battle of Bunker Hill. An American tourist, visiting the citadel, on being shown this cannon and very conceitedly told its history, said: "Ah, yes, you have the cannon and we have Bunker Hill." The last point of especial interest visited was the old French Basilica, over 200 years old, the most sacred of the Roman Catholic edifices of Canada. The bones of Champlain, the great explorer who founded Quebec in 1608, lie in this cathedral.

There are a great many points of interest about Quebec that we could not visit, for lack of time, but when we repaired to the boat, we felt that we had spent the day very pleasantly and profitably witnessing the sights of Quebec, and one that would never be forgotten.

A. H. K.

How They Do It.

Did you ever notice the different ways in which different people do the same thing? Take the street for example: See how differently people carry themselves, how differently they walk, how differently men lift their hats, and, by the way, the last is worthy of consideration.

If you have never paid any attention to this important matter, don your coat and hat and let us go with a lady friend through a street where she will meet many of her acquaintances. To be sure, we must raise our hats too; but then, of course, we do it properly, in our own estimation, at least.

The first whom we meet is a school boy, who begins to be embarrassed as soon as he spies us. By the time we meet, he has plucked up courage enough to look at us shyly, and to seize his hat with all his might, barely raising it, only to pull it on more firmly as he scuds by.

The second acquaintance is a young man who beams genially on us, removes his hat at the side, brings it round in front of him, holds it at arm's length, and finally replaces it with a reverberating sound.

The next is a business man, already late to his office, who hurries on with his hands in his pockets and his hat on his head.

But the walks have become more slippery and are now rather dangerous; and there, just before us, is a patch of ice partly covered with snow. A student, with one arm full of books, is approaching, and makes preparations to salute us. He takes his soft hat by the crown—when, lo! he reaches the ice and loses his footing. His books fly to the four winds, his arms are extended to their full length, and his hat is grasped in one hand as though it were some beast struggling to get away. He gathers up his books and travels on, vowing never again to remove his eyes from the walk long enough to bow to any one.

But who is that coming in the distance? A wonderfully dressed young man, with his never-failing eye-glass and cane. But despite these dreadful burdens, he conducts himself fairly well, and succeeds in making his bow with no serious blunder. But who can tell how long he may have practiced the fine art before the glass in his own room?

And so it goes, until we make up our minds to be more careful ourselves in the future.

Notes.

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"Mittings."

"Quotated."

"Freemens."

"Pole-tax."

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"'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! The Yellow and the Blue;

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The Seniors have selected a committee to have charge of the next senior rhetoricals, to take place Feb. 19th.

Walter Dunton, '93, who has been out of school several days on account of sickness, has returned.

Miss Mary Sawyer, formerly a member of '93, spent Sunday, Jan. 24, in Rutland.

Teacher: "What were Hadrian's foreign achievements?" Scholar: "He built a great wall to protect Britain from the invasions of the Picks and Sticks!"

Teacher: "What happened to the Duke of Burgundy?" Bright Pupil: "He died." T.: "What happened to the Duke of Bedford?" B. P.: "His wife died."

Singing has again been restored to its usual place in the High School, and the melodious strains sound even sweeter than ever, after their long absence.

Geom. Teacher: "What is a proposition?" Bright Boy: "A question to be solved." G. T.: (pointing to boy drawing a figure on the board) "Is he solving a question?" B. B.: "It is a question whether he can do it, isn't it?"

It has been noticed in one of the classes that the boys seem to pay more attention to sleep than to the study in hand. Can it be that they spend their nights and "burn the midnight oil" studying that lesson?

Certain scholars have quite suddenly developed a great desire to sing. They are loath to leave the school room even when the shades of night descend, but stay, pouring forth their melodies (?) until all in the vicinity of the school house are half crazed.

And now it is discovered that the boa-constrictor is a marine animal.

Robert Rice, '93, is out of school on account of sickness.

Teacher.—"What is she-lacking?" Pupil (*sotto voce*).—"Brains."

Many pupils will be required to take examinations at the end of the term, having been absent more than one-tenth of the term.

Tutor.—"Were you whispering, Miss K——?" Delinquent.—"I was just going to."

The B's have selected the subjects for their essays and are busily at work on them.

Miss Mattie Martel, '94, who has been out of school all this term, has returned.

Miss Humphrey, '93, is sick with the grippe, and will not be in school again for some time.

The Minervans decided at their last meeting to place the bust of Minerva in the corner of the school room, near Miss Clapp's door.

The scholars of this room are already looking forward with great joy to the three days of vacation which are expected next month.

Miss K. has at last succeeded in securing a whole bottle of pneumonia for the chemistry class. Please keep the cork tightly inserted.

James Goulding, the ex-President of '92, who is employed by the Vermont Marble Company, has been promoted, and now has charge of a "*pair of oxen.*"

Teacher: "Give the uses of the negatives." Scholar: "I can't." "Teacher: "I wish you would pay more attention to developing your negatives."

THE MINERVANS.

The regular meeting of the Minervans was held Friday afternoon, Jan. 22. The programme consisted of a debate, the question being: Resolved, That we derive greater profit from observation than from books Misses Metzger and Parkhurst debated on the affirmative against Misses Canty and Verder on the negative. The debate was one of the most spirited of the year, and was enjoyed by all.

The affirmative supported their side by mentioning the many self-made men and speaking of the many experiments used in teaching physics and chemistry. They also spoke of the poor damsel's difficulty in making bread when she had only a recipe to follow.

The negatives, however, showed the absurdity of learning only from observation, by the example of the ancient astrologer in France, who was so intent in his observations of the stars that he did not notice a deep ditch until he had fallen into it. He was helped out by a peasant woman who remarked to him that "they whose feet were on the earth should not have their heads among the stars." They also mentioned the boy who had not "read, marked, learned and inwardly digested his Word Analysis sufficiently," but who said in examination that an "itinerant preacher" was one who wanders from his text.

The judges, Misses Willis, Silliman, Schryver, Porter and Thomas, brought in a report of 4 to 1 in favor of the affirmative.

Misses Spafford and Peabody, and Miss Flynn, furnished the music.

The club then adjourned until Feb. 12, at which meeting the regular election of officers will occur.

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ONE would think that this was the last snow ever expected in this region by the way everybody, young and old, big and little, ugly and handsome, wise or otherwise, is indulging in sleigh rides. Sober business men fly around, secure a barge and four and make the night hideous with the blare of horns. Modern Priscillas, who believe in speaking for themselves, take advantage of the year and invite the young men to a merry glide under fair Luna, who occasionally hides her shining face behind a convenient cloud. Ambitious young men not to be outdone, organize counter-rides. And even the school marms are indulging in the popular pastime, whose spirit seems to affect every one with an impartiality as regards race, color, or position, similar to *la grippe*.

It's an ill wind, though, that blows nobody good, and we may soon have the pleasure of seeing our popular livery men tiptoeing along Merchants Row in the wardrobe of a millionaire, with a cane, a single eye-glass, silk hat, and fingers and bosom resplendent with diamonds.

THE crippled condition of the R. H. S. during the past two weeks recalls the many times that sickness has deprived us of a part of our faculty during the last four years. Miss Walker was unable to do a complete year's work during the last two years she was in the H. S. Mr. Aiken was forced to resign solely on account of the condition of his health. Now right in the midst of a very important part of our work, Miss Clapp is seriously ill. At other times the board has been able to obtain a substitute teacher with comparative ease, but this time the work has had to wait and is still waiting.

It is impossible to engage supply teachers who are willing to do both the grade work, and in case of a necessity, the work of the High School. It is certainly the wish of us all that Miss Clapp may meet with a speedy recovery. Unless she does, it would seem that something ought to be done so that the work may go on.

Literary.

UP KILLINGTON IN WINTER.

It was four o'clock in the morning of February third, with the thermometer registering ten degrees above zero, that we started from Rutland for a trip up Killington Peak.

We were very warmly clad, wearing pontiacs, fur gloves, and reefers, or peajackets, in the place of overcoats, as they were fully as warm and much less cumbersome. We had no gun, but each carried a revolver stuck in his belt to be used for firing signals in case of separation.

The stars were shining brightly as we started up Green street, and the invigorating air stimulated our nerves as we walked rapidly on our way. At 5.30 we had gained the top of the "Notch," and, although we were somewhat impeded by darkness and an icy road, we arrived at "Brewer's" about seven. Going in we asked the host to sell us a glass of milk, but he would hear of nothing but that we must stay to breakfast, which was just being put on the table. We were only too ready to comply, for although we had eaten a hearty breakfast before starting, the bracing air had whetted a keen edge on our appetites, so we gladly sat down before the smoking bacon and fragrant coffee, and talked of our intended climb, which commenced almost at the house. But our host gravely shook his head, saying that some "Rutland sports" had tried to go up on snow shoes the week before and had to give it up after going two-thirds of the way. We told him, however, that we relied on the crust, and if it held out we should gain the top with a little hard climbing.

At 7.30 we left the house with a hearty farewell from our entertainer, and an invitation to stop on our way back for a cup of his delicious coffee. As we left the doorway the sun was just rising in all his glory over the top of Killington, tinting the whitened forest with every hue of crimson from dark to light, and beautifying the few strata of clouds that lay stretched along the horizon. Will that moment ever be forgotten? There on our right stood Shrewsbury, alone against the the sky, on our left rose the dome shaped Pico, and before us; grandest of all, was forest clad Killington, whose vesture of winter was not relieved even by the rocky summit which decked the proud head lifting itself twenty feet above its tallest Green Mountain brothers.

Amid the surrounding stillness, broken only by the harsh cry of a desolate blue jay from some tall forest spruce, we began our ascent. The crust bore us admirably and our hopes rose as we ascended, now rapidly, now more slowly, as the nature of the ground permitted, enlivening the way with jokes and stories, with an occasional snap shot at a rabbit, as he darted out from beneath some brush pile, startled into flight by our approach.

Soon we found the snow about two feet deep, and becoming deeper the farther we went, making the path more and more obscure. Our tramp began to be accompanied by the crunching sound of the breaking crust as one or the other of us repeatedly sank in, a trifling thing in itself, yet showing us that unless it had been colder in proportion at the summit than at the base, we could not expect the crust to hold out to the top.

At nine o'clock we stopped with a wonderful sight before us. We were just on the upper edge of the hard

wood belt, beyond which none of the hard woods, but the sturdy ash and a few scrubby birches can thrive. In front of us stretched the forest of balsam and spruce, every branch of which was laden with from four to six inches of snow and ice, which glittered in the sun like diamonds of the purest water, presenting one of the most dazzling spectacles of nature.

Here we measured and found the snow fully six feet deep, the top foot being light and feathery, and covering the crust upon which we were depending for a footing. This top layer gradually deepened as we ascended. Though we were quite familiar with the mountain, we now considered it safer to proceed by compass than to trust all to the road, which the large drifts from time to time rendered entirely indistinguishable. It was 9.45 when we reached the old tree which told our gladdened eyes we had only one more mile ahead of us. But that one mile, how much it meant! The sky which had been clear only thirty minutes before, was now of a leaden hue. A few fine, subtle flakes of snow came fluttering down upon us, to be brushed away, but not unheeded, for they surely prophesied a coming storm.

We pushed on as fast as possible now, but by the time we had gone one-fourth of the way it was snowing hard, and the snow of the night before now lay three feet on the top of the crust, while in some places it was drifted in rifts and winrows, which were more easily tunnelled than surmounted. In one place, where the wind had blown the loose snow from the crust, we found a grouse, which had probably taken refuge from the cold in the feather blanket of snow, and the weather warming up in the night had formed a crust over him, so that he, unable to free himself, was buried alive. We examined him only long enough to assure ourselves that no fatal snare had helped to imprison him, and then hurried on, for the summit must be reached by noon if at all. We had now reached the quarter mile tree, having been just one hour coming the last three-quarters. The snow was up to our armpits in places, and was fast sifting down, preventing our seeing more than five rods in front of us. Once we lost the trail and it was only with great difficulty and much loss of time that we retraced our steps and found it. Still on we went, sometimes tunnelling, sometimes sinking out of sight, but with all our fatigue we were a merry couple, when at last, at just 11.30, we reached the house. There the storm was raging in all its fury, heaping the snow up to the eaves on the Rutland side and more than two feet on the other. Although we knew there was a barn only a few feet from the house, we could not see even the suggestion of it. Above the house the snow had drifted in among the rocks till it was as smooth as a floor, and so soft that a climb to the flag staff would have been impossible, even had we wished it. We hunted about and found a sheltered place to eat our lunch, and after chipping off a few pieces of clapboards for mementoes, began the descent. Already the snow had covered up our foot prints, so that we were again obliged to go by compass, but going down was comparatively easy, and after various experiences we reached the foot at three, had our hot coffee at "Brewer's" and related our trip beside a cozy fire. After resting an hour we started home, reaching there at a quarter to eight, thus ending, on February third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, my first and last trip to Killington in winter. E. H.

LEGEND OF THE WEEPING WILLOW.

One sultry day in June, a little golden-haired child sat on the porch of her humble home, looking intently at a neighboring mansion which was surrounded by beautiful trees. "Oh!" she said, "how I wish I had one of those trees under which to sit these long June days. Presently she noticed a little green twig underneath her feet, and picking it up, said to herself, "I will plant it, perhaps it will grow." The twig took root and grew into a large tree. Years passed, the lowly home gave place to a pleasant mansion and many a tree threw its shade over the wide area; but of all these, the golden-haired child, now grown into a quiet, thoughtful maiden, loved best the one she had so tenderly nourished. But as the tree grew and flourished the young lady drooped and faded. Sadder and sadder grew the light in her eyes, paler and thinner grew her beautiful face until one day God's angel of death bore her away to where sorrow is unknown. Loving hands covered her form with flowers and under the tree she so fondly loved they laid her tenderly to rest.

And from that day, as if in sorrow for the one who loved it, the tree began to droop. Lower and lower bent the sad branches, nearer and nearer until they touched the maiden's grave. "See," said a passer-by, thoughtfully, "the tree weeps for her who loved it," and ever since it has been called "Weeping Willow." M. C. D.

On account of the illness of Miss Clapp and Miss Kelley, there was only one session in this room two days last week. None of Miss Clapp's classes recited, with the exception of the Physical Geography Class, which recited to Miss Norton, '92.

Notes.

"Wax!"

"Shall she shee?"

"How much am I offered?"

"Like the grumbling of the sacrificial ox."

"The serpents towered above him, with their heads and high shoulders."

John Stearns, '94, has returned to school after a serious attack of the grip.

Many subscribers are still remiss about paying their subscriptions. The school year is now half gone, and it seems as though all subscriptions ought to be paid now or as soon as possible.

Miss Myra Wynn, '92, who has been out for some time on account of the grip, has returned to school.

The shelf for Minerva has been placed in the school room. It is, in style, very much like the shelf which holds the bust of Shakespeare.

One may well say, in passing the seats of the boys of the Senior Class, "Vanity of vanities," for behold! on one desk, in a conspicuous place, stands a small mirror. Who would have thought it of one of the boys?

Robert Rice, '93, has returned to school, after several weeks absence, on account of sickness.

Teacher: "I think that is not translated correctly. Let's hear what Miss —— has to say." Miss ——: "Some one rapped at the door."

One of the members of the class in Latin lessons wishes to announce through the Notes that he obtained *100* in a recent lesson. Well done, little boy, the other classes rejoice with you.

"Future Subjunctive."

"The enemy had flown."

"He ordered himself closed."

It is a strange sight indeed to see a pupil kneeling at the feet of a teacher, but such a thing actually happened in the High School room a few days ago.

The latest is "Shakespeare's Progressive Pilgrim."

Although sleigh rides are the order of the day, the Seniors were obliged to give up their ride last week, and content themselves with another class sociable.

The class of '94 has taken time by the forelock, and has chosen the following, for its yell: "'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Boom! Let her roar! we are the people of the class of '94."

One of the chemistry class appreciates that "a burnt child dreads the fire," (nitric acid).

Last week, on account of the omission of so much school work, the Seniors were not obliged to return in the afternoon—a privilege which all appreciated.

The Seniors have persisted, and last Tuesday went to South Clarendon on a sleigh ride, returning to Miss Norton's for supper. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

One day last week the class in Latin lessons was given over to the charge of one of the Virgil class. Since then, it has recited in the school-room.

French Scholar: "Les pleurs qui lui brûlaient les paupières." Teacher: "Translate!" F. S.: "The tears which burnt his eyebrows."

At last a feminine genius has been found who says she can make the arcs of two circles, having the same centers, intersect. Of course she is in the *original* geometry class.

Several members of the High School C and Grammar A classes attend Mr. Foley's junior dancing class.

Fritz Burnham, '93, who has been out of school some time on account of sickness, has returned.

Exchanges.

The Cadet has a very interesting article upon "American College Athletics." The writer defends college athletics against prejudiced minds in the following: "Statistics compiled at Harvard within a few years, extending over a period of fifteen years, show that the men that have represented her in inter-collegiate contests during that time have ranked as high as the average students of the University, while the track athletes, in particular, have included in their number many honor-men."

The Student comes out with an article upon "Flirting, from a Girl's Standpoint." It is divided into two parts. The first one is evidently written by one of those *innocent* dears, and sounds very much like a wail in self-defense. The second is either the production of one of those goody-goody girls, or the unimaginative sentences of an elderly maiden lady.

The Cue hugs itself over the fact of its having seen "a real lord, a great journalist and a great poet" in the person of Sir Edwin Arnold. Well, we have seen the President of these United States, and survived the ordeal.

Probably *The Lever* will "bust" itself when it enters its new quarters. Well, we are hoping for a similar reform here in Rutland in the near future. Ah, no! not that *we* shall *bust* ourselves, but that we shall have a new high school building. Please re-

ceive our congratulations upon the prospect of having such an elegant new home.

The *High School Register* at last declares its intention of giving up the *chameleon* business. Don't do it, boys! Fight it out! *Sixty to ten!* Shades of our ancestors! No excuse was necessary. We can appreciate your position.

Among others we find the *High School Breecia*, Deering, Me.; *The Central Luminary*, Kansas City, Mo.; the *Baker University Index*, Baldwin, Kansas; the *Hamilton College Monthly*, Lexington, Ky.; the *School Dial*, Brattleboro, Vt.

A CLASS SOCIABLE.

A most enjoyable evening was spent in the class sociable at Miss Helen Goodale's home, on Feb. 4. *Silhouettes* was the principal event of the evening. Silhouettes is the name of a game excellently planned both for torture and amusement. They are made in the following manner: A piece of paper is placed on the wall and on this is thrown, by means of a brilliant light, the profile of the victim. Then, with frequent injunctions to "look pleasant," "wink all you wish to," "hold very still," "the chin a little higher, please," etc., etc., the profile is traced upon the paper and afterwards cut out. When all had been operated upon, the silhouettes, in their complete state, things of beauty and joy forever, were pinned up and auctioned off to the one who offered the largest number of beans, of which each had one hundred. J. M. Goulding, acting as auctioneer, gave an excellent exposition of the merits of each piece of art, pointing out the intellectual brow of one, the braid of another and the resemblance of each to some of the most noted characters in history or fiction. The bidding was slow at first, but soon the vast sums of one or two hundred beans were paid. The foxy John came heeled with a pocketful of currency and became the happy possessor of three silhouettes.

Refreshments were then passed round and soon after the party broke up, and under the influence of a new moon walked homeward singing "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party."

THE CLASS RIDE.

The ride to South Clarendon was enjoyed very much. A better night could not have been ordered, there being a good moon and a mild atmosphere.

A few horns were taken along, just to give spice to the occasion, and sounding brass, blaring tin, class and school yells, and college songs brought faces to the windows of the wayside houses. A large bag produced by the young men at the latter end of the barge caused a chorus of heart-rending supplications to burst from those unable to reach it; things assumed threatening proportions, but at last a convenient hat filled with eatables silenced the multitude and the horns. After about three hours of this pleasant exercise, the party was driven to the home of Miss Norton, where a supper gotten up by the young ladies of the class, awaited. During the repast, a game was indulged in, said to be very beneficial to digestion. Some one seeing an object on the table says: "I see something beginning with —," naming the initial letter. Then the others try to guess it. Not having studied for the last two weeks it gave all a headache; such close application of the brain. After a few games the members started for home in a very genial frame of mind.

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THE sextette composed of members of the A class made its *début* last Monday and did very well, considering the short space during which its members have worked together. All that is now needed is practice and experience, and we would recommend that it sing hereafter at the class sociables.

Of course this kind of practice is absolutely necessary to prepare it for the great musical event of our school year, the "Musical." We think that matters can be so arranged as to bring this about. A male quartette, also, has been formed, and Miss Phinney has expressed her willingness to direct its efforts towards musical glory. This certainly is a much better prospect for this important branch of our work than existed last year. The quartette we would add is not a class, but a school quartette, and as such would like to be considered by the school.

THE Teachers' Institute held here during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week was the most successful and entertaining convention of the kind yet held in the State. One hundred and sixty-five teachers were registered the first day; a registration unprecedented in the history of the organization. All of the class work was rendered by representatives of the Rutland Graded Schools, and as performed, reflected credit upon the staff of teachers and the Board of Education. The papers read by different members of the association were, as a whole, unusually good and full of interest. Altogether it will be remembered as an especially pleasing and beneficial meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS from Alumni come in rather slow. We were agreeably surprised to receive a letter from a former student which commenced thus: "Here's to your 'contributions from Alumni and others thankfully received.'"

We thank that person very much for his kind remembrance and hope that others may catch the same spirit.

Those who have written for the NOTES while in school, and especially

former *editors*, should certainly remember us, but we have received only *one* article from those quill drivers who have gone before.

We are *very* desirous of securing a few articles from our school marms who graduated last year. We are confident that they must have a choice store of incidents pertaining to life in the *suburbs*.

THE MINERVANS.

The semi-annual business meeting of the Minervans was held at their regular meeting, a week ago last Friday, February 12. The nominating committee, of which Miss French was chairman, gave the following report: For President, Miss Bessie Norton; Vice-President, Miss Mamie Donnelly; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Emma Wilcox. The names were voted on separately (and by ballot, as the Constitution so states it shall be done), after which a vote of thanks was extended to Miss Goodale, the ex-President, for her conscientious labors, which have left the club in such a flourishing condition.

Then followed one of the most interesting debates that the club has yet listened to, on the subject: Resolved, That justice demands the right of suffrage to woman. This was preceded by a piano solo by Miss Agnes Meldon.

The debaters, Misses Franklin and Kelley, affirmative, and Misses Willis and Haynes, negative, gave some very strong arguments, and many amusing points were brought out on both sides. The judges, Misses Norton, Patterson, Gilmore, Fisher and Otis, decided in favor of the affirmative, five to noth ing. Miss Norton then took the chair, and, after appointing the executive committee, consisting of Miss Clapp and Miss Cheney, besides the regular officers, and Miss Silliman as critic for the next meeting, made a few suitable remarks, and the meeting then adjourned for four weeks.

RHETORICALS.

The Seniors gave a very interesting entertainment Monday afternoon of this week, that day being chosen for their rhetoricals, as it was Washington's birthday. The following is the programme:

PATRIOTISM.

Washington, . . . Farrell
Essay—The American in History, Miss Norton
Music, . . . Miss Childs
"No more the Thunder of Cannon," Miss Clark
"Grant," . . . Miss Cheney
"The Sword Bearer," Miss Silliman
Essay—Daniel Webster, Miss Welch
"Lee to the Rear," Miss L. M. Bailey
"Slumber Song," with violin obligato, Miss C. A. Bailey
"Music in Camp," . Miss Long
"Driving Home the Cows," Miss Goodale
Essay—Vermont in the Rebellion, Miss French
"The use of Savage Allies Denounced," Clauson
"John Burns of Gettysburg," Miss Naylon
"Unknown Dead," . Miss Wynn
Essay—Patriotism, . Eggleston
"The Last of Six," . Miss Kingsley
Music—Sextette.

DEBATING CLUB.

The R. H. S. Debating Club held its regular meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 12. The subject for debate was: Resolved, That education should be in the hands of the Nation, not of the State. Affirmative, McDonough and Bates; negative, Goulding and Hamilton. Good arguments were advanced on both sides, and the judges recognized the equality of the debates by bringing in a decision of three to two in favor of the affirmative.

After the debate, the question, "Who will be our next President?" was advanced, and a general debate followed. Arguments from future politicians on both sides were listened to, but the question was not entirely decided. After two or three ex tempore speeches on the Chilian question, the meeting was adjourned. The next debate will be between the Debating Club and the Minervans, on March 11. Election of officers for the Debating Club will occur at the time of the regular meeting on March 4.

Literary.

SCHOOL LIFE.

What better proof do we need that our country has made great progress than a comparison of the schools of the present time and those of fifty years ago.

The district school houses of the past were small, unpainted wooden buildings with no bell except perhaps a tea bell rung by the teacher to call the scholars from the play ground. The interior of the building would seem to some more modern eyes to be suitable for anything rather than school. One wooden black-board, no pictures or decorations, a small box stove, and rough plank seats arranged in tiers, each row being somewhat higher than the one preceding it, and the teacher expounding his wisdom from a box-like structure, the desk.

In schools like these many of our most eminent men began their education, plodding through the heat of summer and cold of winter, one, two and even three miles to these temples of learning.

The branches of study were few, as a person's education was often regarded as completed if he possessed a knowledge of spelling, reading, writing, ciphering, and geography. The work was monotonous, being the same day after day, which perhaps served as an excuse for the pranks in which our grandfathers and grandmothers engaged. They whispered, missed in their lessons, turned the hands of the clock forward, filled the chimney with paper till the stove smoked so that school was dismissed, sawed the legs of the teacher's chair so that he fell on the floor when trying to sit down, and did other evil deeds. But they were punished for their love of mischief, as their master in turn threatened, scolded and whipped, till it is not strange that in such a school they were not all brilliant scholars.

Happy was that studious youth who went to college to *learn*, though many of the boys of to-day seem to think it a chance to learn a *little*, enjoy themselves *very much*, and gain the prestige which clings to the name of a college graduate.

The schools of the present time are very different.

The buildings erected at an expense of thousands of dollars quite make us forget the small, one-story school houses of the past, and the great bells, black-boards, patent seats, and numerous other provisions for our comfort, make our many studies as easy as the few of fifty years ago. Perhaps easier, for was it not some one of those scholars who composed the rhyme which so well expresses our sentiments:

"Multiplication is a vexation,
Division is as bad;
The Rule of Three doth puzzle me,
And Fractions drive me mad."

T. I. M.

A FISHING EXCURSION.

Several weeks ago the writer, in company with three friends, went to a small pond north of Rutland, pickerel fishing.

We started about half past eight in the morning and reached our destination, after a pleasant drive of eight miles.

Quickly putting our horse in a barn, which was a short distance from the pond, we placed our baggage, consisting of the minnows we were to use for bait, the fishing tackle and lunches, on a sled that was drawing wood from the pond.

Reaching the pond, we alighted and carried our baggage to a point on the edge of it, which was to be our camping ground for the day. This place was very prettily situated, commanding a view of the whole pond.

Two of us placed the tackle in position while the others arranged things about the camp.

When the signals were all in position, we returned and began to build a fire. While two of our party were looking for dry wood the others were standing near the fire, discussing the probability of catching anything but a cold. Accidentally one of us turned and looked toward the pond; not stopping to drop his camera (for, gentle reader, there were two of those ever-present camera fiends in our party), he started on a run that would have quickly brought him to the State of New York had he not stopped in a short time. His companions, wondering if he had seen a bear or anticipated the approach of Prof. Totten's "millenium," shaded their eyes with their hands and looking far out on the white, snow-covered surface of the pond, saw a tiny red flag fluttering in the air. Then they knew the cause of his hasty flight, for that little flag meant that a pickerel had hold of the line! Anxiously they watched him pull in the line. Just how much depended on that catch can be appreciated by those who have been placed in similar circumstances; then the glad cry, "I've got him!" came to their eager ears, and, hastening to the spot, they beheld a fair-sized pickerel floundering in the snow. This cheered the hearts of our party wonderfully. "We will get some fish, after all," was the gratifying thought of each one.

Slowly making our way back to the fire, we related anecdotes of former adventures on this same pond. In the midst of these *fish* stories some one announced that it was dinner time, and then we all discovered that we were hungry. So, spreading the blankets around the fire, we proceeded to satisfy the inner man. And what a dinner! I will not attempt to give the *menu*, but it tasted far better there, in the woods, than at home, we thought.

After dinner, as there were no signals up, two of us decided to go into the woods, thinking that we might see a partridge. We had been gone but a short time when we heard shouts which seemed to come from the pond. We listened, and as they contiuued and seemed to increase instead of diminish, we hastened to the pond, thinking one of our party had broken through the ice. There, dancing about one of the signals, we saw one of our companions; a wild, diabolical grin was on his face that no camera could faithfully portray. We wondered if he had suddenly gone mad or had an attack of the grip.

But, as we approached nearer, we saw the cause of his strange actions. Shades of Izaac Walton! Was that a pickerel or a young whale? We no longer wondered at his shouts, but failed to understand why he did not shout louder, for there, floundering about on the ice, was a monster pickerel. "He must have been father of them all," we said.

As no more signals were then up, the two "camera fiends" decided to get in their deadly work, so, leaving the others to watch the lines, they started out.

Several pictures were taken of the pond, one in the woods, one of the pickerel, one of the farm house and several of the barnyard—all were subjects for the amateur.

After fishing for some time without having any more strikes, and, as it was growing dark, we started for home.

Another pleasant ride in the cold, crisp air, and four tired boys agreed, as they alighted from the sleigh, "There's no place like home."

J. B. S.

Notes.

"T ——"

"Inflict *volo*."

"Jane Boggs—Miss Marsh."

"Just for the fun of it!"

"O Panthus!—I don't know the rest!"

"My voice cleaves to the roof of my mouth!"

"To enable them to read the Apostles in the original."

Where are those subscriptions?

Only two days of school this week.

Miss Clapp has returned to school after two weeks of illness. The work is now going on as usual.

The B class held a regular business meeting Feb. 15, at which the following officers were elected: President, Bates; vice-president, Miss Kelley; secretary, Miss Schryver, and treasurer, Davis.

The Physical Geography and Chemistry classes are nearly through with their present studies, and will soon take up Modern History and American Literature.

The Senior Rhetoricals occurred Monday. In honor of Washington, a patriotic programme was presented.

Miss Margaret Mangan, '92, is out of school on account of rheumatic fever.

The Cicero class expects to astonish the whole town with its brilliancy, since two of its members have advanced so near to the "seat of knowledge."

At the last meeting of the Minervans the regular election of officers took place. Miss Norton, '92, president; Miss Donnelly, '93, vice-president, and Miss Wilcox, '94, secretary and treasurer. Miss Clapp and Miss Cheney, '92, were appointed members of the executive committee.

Following the example of last term, two of the boys have lately been brought to the front, where they are rejoicing in their reserved seats. How true that the boys always obtain all the honors!

The girls of the Latin Prose class are now known as "the other side of the house."

A committee composed of Miss Metzger, Miss Schryver and Tuttle, has been appointed to prepare the programme for the B Rhetoricals.

The sextette, composed of Miss Willis, Miss Bailey, Miss Norton, Eggleston, Welsh and Clauson, made its first public appearance on Monday, when they sang "To Fatherland."

Teacher—"Translate 'Il apporta à l'enfant un clown articulé.'" Bright Boy—"He brought to the child an artistic clown."

Miss May Sawyer and Miss Mamie

Kingsley are home for a few weeks vacation, as the school at Saxton's River has been closed on account of scarlet fever.

Not long ago the R. H. S. beheld a remarkable scene—a boy and a girl both struggling for the same seat. After both had occupied it for a few moments the girl was defeated and expelled.

Teacher—"Give the French word for late." Scholar—"Tardy."

The subjects for essays have been given to the C class. Their rhetoricals will come the last of the term.

In order to prevent the clubs and rhetoricals from clashing, the next meetings of the Minervans and Debating club will be postponed one week.

Exchanges.

Among our new exchanges is the *School Dial*, of Brattleboro, Vt. It contains a very good summary of Edward Everett Hale's famous story, "A Man without a Country." The article is very well written and reflects a great deal of credit on the author.

The *University Courant* has an article entitled "Politeness and Insincerity," which is worth reading. The writer speaks of the "Pleased-to-meet-you" phrase which is used by two gentlemen, when introduced, and who don't care a picayune whether his acquaintance of perhaps ten minutes ago is killed or not. The immortal poet's famous saying ought to be changed to "What hypocrites these mortals be."

The "Romance of Royalty," in the *Central Luminary*, is written by Q. Bess, and whether this is a production from the ghostly hand of "England's virgin Queen," who has come out of the shades of the long forgotten past and timidly rapping at our contemporary's sanctum, has asked if her article would be accepted, or whether some other hand has traced those lines, only the judgment day will reveal, when all the dark and bloody secrets of the *Luminary's* articles will be shown up before the assembled multitudes.

The *Willamette Collegian* has a parody (*sic*) on Longfellow's "Psalm of Life." There have, we think, been enough so-called parodies written on this, and the best thing the *Collegian* could have done would have been to throw this wonderful production into the waste basket, to lie there till the graves give up their dead; then begin, if you like, and pitch into Longfellow, for at that time he will be there to defend himself.

The *H. S. Breccia* has a short article on "How it ended." It ended, of course, in the usual manner that most stories now-a-days end. They got married.

A Latin boy's midnight soliloquy after a May-basket escapade:

"Darkibus nightibus,
No lightorum;
Climbibus gatepost,
Breechibus tarum. —[*Ex.*

Logicians say that no phrase means
At once both yes and no;
But they are not correct it seems,
As one short phrase will show.

Where it meant "Yes:"

I sat one eve with Maud, a miss
Who's pretty, sweet and coy.
Said I: "Maud, dare I steal a kiss?
She said: "You silly boy."

Where it meant "No."

And in a little while I said:
"Art angry, dear, at me?"
She laughed, and then shook her head;
"You silly boy," said she.

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IT is expected soon that Prof. Colcord will have an interesting article in the NOTES. This we are sure will be anticipated with great joy by all who knew him.

WE have received a number of complaints concerning the number of short sentences which head the "Local" column. These, of course, are of no particular interest to those outside of the classes in which they originate, therefore we have thought it best to discontinue them in the future. By doing this we can extend our "exchange" column and we hope hereafter to make that one of the most interesting departments in the paper.

THE coming joint debate between the Minervans and the R. H. S. D. C. promises to be full of interest. The subject chosen for discussion reads: Resolved, that poverty is a greater cause of crime than wealth. This is a well chosen subject and will give each side a chance to show its debative skill. As both clubs are determined to secure the victory the (wordy) battle will undoubtedly be a severe one. The young men chosen to represent the Debating Club are especially celebrated for the length and quickness of their tongues (that was deemed the important requisite), and as *their* tongues are *not* hung in the middle, they will have to use that weapon with redoubled energy in consequence of their aforementioned impediment. The negatives wish every one to observe closely whether the judges are influenced by the beauty of their opponents, or their own profound arguments. They acknowledge that wealth (of beauty) in this instance, might possibly cause a crime by influencing the judges to decide against them, but they trust that persons chosen for such important positions will be impregnable to such vain and worldly matters.

Although the regular meetings of the clubs were postponed one week, the Debating Club held a business meeting this afternoon and elected officers for next term.

RUTLAND'S IMPROVEMENTS.

At last there really seems to be a spirit of public improvement among the citizens of Rutland. A new depot, a much needed tunnel, a foot bridge across the track south of the depot, a new round-house and a committee to look after the condition of the streets are the changes which promise future beauty, celebrity and convenience for our town and townspeople.

A person arriving in Rutland is immediately impressed with the dinginess and shabby aspect of the depot. Every train that has entered the building has poured its smoke and steam against the interior until it has the appearance of a huge smoke house. Grease and dust are found everywhere, making it anything but pleasant to enter its precincts. The restaurant is removed from the car-room by but a single door, and on account of the poor ventilation the smoke often finds its way into it. These are some of the most important facts which make a new depot seem indispensable.

The tunnel is something the need of which a number of deaths were necessary to convince Rutlanders. The last one occurring in broad daylight showed plainly the ineffectuality of even *two* flagmen at a crossing so frequently used.

Although the flagmen have exonerated themselves in this last instance, the facts of the case are not changed. If men are fool-hardy and careless about such matters, they must be protected from self-destruction. If they *will* allow themselves to be run over at the crossing they must be obliged to go through the tunnel, where they will be out of harm's way.

The foot-bridge will be a great accommodation to business men and the residents of "Nebraska," making a direct route from there to the depot, thus eliminating the hazardous necessity of crossing the tracks at a place where switching is constantly carried on.

If Rutland wishes to become a summer resort, and present indications point that way, she is taking the proper course to secure that end. One of the first requisites for such a place is a healthy location; Rutland certainly has this. If you look carefully on the temperature map you will find that the region round about our village has a very exceptional atmosphere and climate. The next subjects of importance are the conveniences and scenery. We certainly have the conveniences in the shape of horse-cars, hotels, liveries, private boarding houses, churches and stores; as for the scenery, it is unsurpassed in Vermont. Speaking of horse cars reminds us that their fame for accommodation has extended to Boston. A person from that place wrote recently that they were perfection for the comfort of their passengers; stopping and waiting for them to do trading, carrying bundles, and in fact making themselves generally useful.

A committee to oversee the beautifying of the streets will supply a long felt want. The condition of the sidewalks and roadways at some points during the spring is the only objection that can be offered against Rutland as a paradise for summer visitors. This committee will have such things in charge, thus securing a certainty of having many defects corrected which the street commissioner and his men could not find time to do.

When all these things have been accomplished and Rutland shall have become a CITY, then, and not until then, can we hope for success in attracting visitors to our locality.

Literary.

A GHOST STORY.

In the upper part of the State of Alabama, very close to the line, in the midst of what was once a considerable clearing, stands a deserted old cabin; near by, enclosed by a clump of small pines, are the ruins of a blacksmith's forge. The country round about is forest-clad and rolling, being occupied by the foot-hills of the southern part of the great Alleghany range. Excellent hunting is to be found in the surrounding forests, and it is owing to this fact that this story was written.

A Northern sportsman wandering with a guide through the second-growth which surrounds the cabin, came suddenly upon it. The desolate and wild aspect of the cabin and its surroundings, together with the almost supernatural atmosphere which seemed to pervade its interior as he peeped in at the door, made a peculiarly lasting impression upon him.

That night during that delicious period of rest which follows a good supper after a long tramp, when stories are the order of the evening, the old cabin and its weird surroundings occurred to him again. Upon inquiry the following story was related to him:

The cabin was once the residence of a colored man who was building up a prosperous business among the freed slaves who lived in the vicinity; the "poor" whites also patronized him, and being naturally outspoken he soon became the leader of the neighboring darkies. The whites regarded him as a "dangerous nigger."

The Ku Klux Klan (those knights errant of humanity) could not allow a negro of Nick Fisher's frank nature to remain long unnoticed. He received several messages signed "K. K. K.," commanding him to leave the country. Not doing so, he was taken from his bed one night, carried to a convenient tree and given a severe whipping. Having convinced the darkey in this unmistakable manner that they meant business, these representatives of Southern chivalry were content to depart, after informing their victim that he would have just three days to "make himself scarce." Nick went back to his dwelling, swearing and throwing stones at the masked marauders, who replied by pistol shots, but failed to do any execution, owing to the darkness.

In spite of this rough handling Fisher refused to comply with their commands and prepared to defend his home. He bought a shotgun and some ammunition, and after securing the doors and windows he felt tolerably safe. The Klan kept their word and attacked him the fourth night after the whipping. Fisher's plan was to shoot the first ones that opened the front door and then in the confusion to escape by the rear door. This was not the height of strategy, and consequently did not wholly succeed. To be sure he let loose the contents of both barrels upon the foremost of the attacking party, but when he attempted to escape by the back door he was captured by those of the enemy who were surrounding the house. There was a brief struggle, during which a rope was dropped over his head and drawn taut around his neck. As he was led around the house to a large apple tree which stood in front of it, he passed four masked bodies, the result of the shooting. No words were wasted; the end of the rope was thrown over a limb, and he was swung into eternity. The next day somebody cut the body down and buried it beneath the floor of the cabin. Ever

after the place had the reputation of being haunted. Ten years afterwards a party of hunters established their headquarters in the old cabin. The second evening had arrived and they were gathered around a rude table in the dimly lighted room engaged in relating the adventures of the day, when suddenly a dull knock resounded upon the door. One of the party opened the door, but seeing nothing returned to his seat thinking he had been mistaken. Pretty soon the knock was repeated, and the same fellow again opened the door. Seeing nobody he closed the door, expressing his opinion of a person who would knock that way in very plain terms. Stationing himself behind the door with his gun, he prepared to give the disturber a warm reception. He did not have to wait long; almost simultaneously with the expected knock he flung back the door and fired into the darkness. The lurid flash revealed the ghastly figure of a man with a rope around his neck. The door was hastily shut without any parley and strongly bolted. Everybody had seen the apparition, and the next day the whole party had urgent business in the North.

To this day the superstitious negroes in that locality cannot be induced to pass the place after dark.

J. E. AND F. H. B.

School-room Squibs from Another School.

The NOTES has been received regularly during the past two years and has been as regularly enjoyed by us, as an alumnus of '83.

To prove our interest we send herewith a few odd notes, taken from memory, of the class room curiosities of another school as seen by a teacher.

Of course the class room itself, with its mild restraint, adds to their ludicrousness in a way that cannot be produced on paper, but that will be understood and may be in part imagined by those who have been there before. Some instances are as follows:—

A tall, lank, raw-boned lad arises to give some of the characteristics of quartz in a Geology lesson. He begins: "Harder than glass, brittle, transparent or translucent," and then intends to say, "of a vitreous lustre" (glassy lustre), but his tongue becomes twisted and he comes out with the words, "of a vicious lusher." The class are forgiven for a "soft roar" considering that the teacher is suffering inwardly from temporary convulsions.

A senior comes to the phrase in Cicero "when he was dead" in the Latin. He translates it "when he was killed." The teacher, trying to bring out the original meaning of the verb, suggests using "a nearly synonymous word with no active meaning." The senior racks his brains and finally blurts out with striking truthfulness "when he was out of the question?"

An oral examination in the Anabasis is being held. A young lady is seized with a desire to be literal at all hazards and omit none of the numerous Greek conjunctions like μεν "on the one hand," δε "on the other." The passage about the ostrich is given her, the bird who "uses his feet in running and raises his wings like a sail to assist him." Her translation is thus: "his feet on one hand, his wings on the other raising them like a sail." Questions:—Which are raised like a sail, the feet, hands, wings or all? Has the bird no more hands to put his head and body on?

Some striking mistakes are the result of guessing when the plain "I don't know" would have been the truth. Such often carry with them their own punishment. A sample would be the *sinistra cornix* of Virgil's Eclogues, translated by one youth "the lonesome thrush," instead of the real meaning, "the unlucky crow." We advise him and all such to use the motto: "quoth the raven, 'nevermore'." "If you know not, guess not," is a rule that is valuable not for its safety merely, but for its honesty.

H. O. A., '83.

Notes.

"Apples."

"Proverbs."

"Refreshments."

"Our coming ancestors."

Subscriptions! Subscriptions!

Many of the R. H. S. scholars are delighted to learn the latest use for spinning-wheels—to tell which way the wind blows.

On account of the absence of Mr. Ellsworth, who was suddenly called away by the death of his brother, the Greek and Virgil classes did not recite last week.

Miss Edith Dunton, '93, is confined to the house with scarlet fever.

The B rhetoricals, which occurred Tuesday afternoon, were very interesting. Next Friday comes the debate between the Minervans and the Debating Club, on the subject that poverty is the cause of more crime than wealth.

During Mr. Ellsworth's absence, the Cicero, Cæsar and Latin lessons classes recited to three of the Seniors.

Miss Cassie Willis is out of school on account of sickness.

It is a noticeable fact that the General History class is becoming very hilarious lately. Possibly it is due to the fact that the members have finished their record for this term, and are now receiving marks which will go on next term's report.

Miss Anna Kelley, '93, has returned to school after several days of illness.

The records for this term were completed last Friday, and the names of all who obtained eighty-five per cent were read, as excused from examinations. There were some, however, who obtained the requisite standing, but who will have to take examinations, as they were absent from more than one-tenth of their recitations.

Miss Elizabeth Norton, '92, went to Burlington last Tuesday to attend her uncle's wedding.

Miss Margaret Mangan, '92, has been absent several days because of sickness.

The English History class is making very good progress despite all the interruptions. They have completed the reign of "Bloody Mary," and are now unravelling the mysteries of that of "Good Queen Bess."

The C class has finished Physical Geography, the last lesson being last Friday. At this lesson each one reported what he or she had learned, and of what importance the study was. The class began Modern History Monday, and many like it even better than Physical Geography.

The essays from the C class have been handed in, and their rhetoricals will probably come the last day of the term.

Great advancement has been made in the singing in this room. Since music has been restored to its former position, the pupils seem to have taken hold with spirit. The musical promises to be a greater success than usual.

The editors are lamenting the fact that the vacation will not bring them

a rest from editorial labors, as all articles for the next paper will be due the last Friday of the term, and then material for the edition of April 1st must be prepared by the first Friday of next term.

The members of the class in Geometry doing original work say that they have been able to learn many things from the recitations of the other class during last week. They think, however, that the plan of using a book does not compare favorably with that of original work.

Miss Annie Humphrey, '93, returned to school Monday, after a long absence on account of sickness.

Exchanges.

The *Hermonite* says that a fencing class has been started in their school at Mt. Hermon. This is a new departure in athletics and it is very likely to prove of more lasting benefit to those who engage in it than baseball or football.

One of our contemporaries, the *Omaha Register*, wants a fire drill in its school, and they had better strive hard for it. We are pleased to see this evidence of enterprise, for nothiug is more important in a crowded school than a fire drill, which affords the only safe and sure way to get out of a burning building.

The *H. S. Times* of Dayton, Ohio, contains a good article, though somewhat short, on the "Art of Printing." It gives also some of the effects that printing has produced. "Probably no other agent had so great an influence in advancing civilization as the printing press, and so long as our papers and books are of the correct moral tone and sentiment we need not fear for the future welfare of our country."

The *Hendrix College Mirror* has an article on Cooper's character of Uncas. The article is very well written and it portrays the Indian as brave and unselfish, and ready to lay down his life while doing his duty. Quite different from the noble red man of 1892, who would lay down his worthless life for half a pint of "40 rod whisky."

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In tempus old a hero lived,
Qui loved puellas deux;
He no pourait pas quite to say
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"Non possum both avoir,
Sed si address Amanda Ann,
Then Kate and I have war.

"Amanda habet argent coin,
Sed Kate has aureas curls;
Et both sunt very agathæ
Et quite formosæ girls."

Enfin the youthful anthropos,
Phi'oun the duo maids,
Resolved proponere to Kate
Devant cet evening's shades.

Procedens then to Kate's domo,
Il trouve Amanda there,
Kai quite forgot his late resolves,
Both sunt so goodly fair.

Sed smiling on the new tapis,
Between puellas twain,
Cœpit to tell his love a Kate
Dans un poetique strain.

Mais, glancing ever et anon
At fair Amanda's eyes,
Illæ non possunt dicere
Pro which he meant his sighs.

Each virgo heard the demi vow
With cheeks as rouge as wine,
And off'ring each a milk-white hand,
Both whispered, "Ich bin dein."

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THE last meeting of the Debating Club was the stormiest ever held, and the first at which any formidable opposition has been made in the election of officers. The difficulty arose from the action taken by the C class, who, considering themselves shut out at the last election, determined to elect one of their number president at this meeting. There is no clause in the by-laws which touches upon the subject relating to *class* elections. The Club was organized on a *school* principle and the word *class* has been as carefully omitted from its constitution as the word *slave* from the constitution of the United States. It has always been understood, however, that the president was to come from the A class, the vice-president from the B class, and the secretary from the C class. This was the established order of things and has always been followed with one or two exceptions. This fault was with no one but the C's themselves, who made no attempt to elect one of their number; they did not even *nominate* one of their members for any office; their only nomination being for a member of one of the other classes. This they claim was because they did not understand their privilege, but it seems that they understood that they had the *privilege* to nominate, therefore, why not have the right to nominate one of their own members for one of the offices as well as the others. On the other hand it now appears that they again misunderstood the privilege, for when they came to use it they appear to have gotten it into their heads that as they have the greatest number they could elect *all* the officers. As it was they took only the principal offices and left the vice-president for some one else. There is no doubt that the class of the occupant of each chair should have been fixed in the beginning, but as we have said before, class rivalry had not then been considered. The articles of organization read, that the officers shall consist of a president, vice-president and secretary to be elected from the *school*. There is

nothing to indicate the least suspicion of anything but a school club. Class rivalry is a good thing; it gives life and zest to the school, and in the end produces a higher standard of excellence in every department. It is working well in regard to rhetoricals; it will work well in the debating club if it is not carried far enough to excite individual animosity. When a person is angry he is not in a condition to conduct himself creditably in any business. This rivalry should only be encouraged in so far as it stimulates a friendly ambition for a superior scholarship or debate, which ultimately would end in a better condition of the school, club, and all things concerned. But when, as in the last meeting, it is carried to such an extreme as to excite ill feeling, then it becomes an impediment to all transaction of business, an obstacle in the way of progress, and a subject of unhappiness to all.

The meeting of the Minervans held April 1st, opened with the roll call, after which the report of the last meeting was read and accepted and the critic's report given. A motion was made and seconded that the part of the constitution pertaining to the election of officers be amended, and they be elected by informal ballot. A critic was appointed for the next meeting, after which the debate opened. The question was: Resolved, That a year's travel in Europe is more instructive than a year's travel in America; with Miss Jackson and Miss Daniels on the affirmative, Miss Naylon and Miss Gilson on the negative. The judges were Misses Goodale, Bailey, Baker, Gilmore and Canty, and they brought in a decision four to one in favor of the negative. The affirmative labored under quite a disadvantage on account of the absence of the second.

Literary.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY.

The origin of April Fool's Day is not known, but possibly it may be a relic of an old heathen custom. It is almost universal throughout Europe, and of its popularity in this country no mention is needed. The Hindoos have a festival known as Hule, similar to April Fool's Day, which occurs on the 31st of March. In France the person fooled is called an April fish, and in Scotland a gowk, which is the Scotch for a cuckoo, and also a foolish person.

There are many tricks which can be played on April Fool's Day, but the worst which I know of is to place an old hat filled with bricks on the sidewalk after dark, but in a place just light enough to be seen well. There is an almost irresistible desire on the part of everyone to kick an old hat, and when he kicks one fixed in this way he gets both fooled and hurt. The first mention we have in literature of April Fool's Day is by an English writer about 1700 A. D., who says it originated in France. However, the custom of fooling is somewhat going out of custom except among the juvenile class.

S. L.

SIGHTS IN CALCUTTA.

As the city of Calcutta is approached from the river, one is strongly impressed by the imposing grandeur of the scene and the magnificence of its buildings, although only a comparatively small part of the city may be seen, as it is situated on a plain. On the right is a spacious dockyard, where are found innumerable ships and vessels, and on the left great buildings tower above, the whole presenting a dazzling picture.

The streets are very wide and often extend miles in length, lined on both sides with handsome residences. Tamed birds are often seen on the street, and a fine is imposed on a person who wilfully kills one of them.

The government houses of Calcutta are all built of brick and richly stuccoed. Among them is a female orphan institution, where the girls remain until they are either married or some eligible match is found for them.

There is a great difference between the European and native quarters. The former consists of handsome structures surrounded by well kept lawns and gardens, while the latter, known as the "Black Town," is composed mostly of hovels and ill built houses.

In the principal part of the city, along the bank of the river, is a large, open space called the Maidan or Esplanade, where the people of society drive at certain times of the day, when the park is filled with the palanquins and equipages of the better class.

Nineteen-twentieths of the people seen on the street during the greater part of the day are men, and the women, only those of the lower classes; the wealthier portion spend most of their time at home. The young women are considered very pretty until they reach the age of twenty-five, when their beauty begins to fade.

The fashions there change very seldom, the women wear white most of the time, and a great profusion of jewelry, of which they are passionately fond.

Mention might be made of the native water carriers of Calcutta, who seldom earn over twenty-five cents a day. They are employed to sprinkle the street and furnish those houses which do not have the running water. The water is carried in the skin of a pig or a goat (usually the former) which is carefully sewed up, with the exception of the neck, which is left open to receive the water. There are altogether many curious sights in Calcutta, and for its many grand and beautiful buildings, it may well be called the "city of palaces."

N. N.

ALPHA AND OMEGA.

A great many years ago, near the Holy City, grew a large grove of trees. A tall and stately olive tree seemed to be the leader of the others, and a sycamore that stood near by was rather jealous of the tall commander; and one day, this jealousy being strengthened because of the floral tributes and gifts of fruits which were laid before the king, the sycamore bowed to the leader, who returned his greeting with a slight bending of his stately body. With this permission the jealous tree said: "My leader! what has one to do to gain rank like yours in life? I have done all in my power; I have returned all the greetings of my neighbors; and my actions have always been in obedience to our great masters, the winds. Also by waving my branches I have hidden your charms, for the woodsmen do not need my wood, and yours is not found. Now prove what more *you* have done, or I shall proclaim myself king."

"I thank you for your protection," replied the king, "but if my time had come to do my part in the busy world nothing would have kept me here. I wish to answer your questions by asking some."

"Have you not danced so gaily with the winds that you have tossed to the ground the nest of the birds, who had

sought a pleasant home among your green branches? What refreshing food do you give to the weary travelers? By protecting me do you not hide my fruit from those perishing with hunger?"

The sycamore, trembling with rage and jealousy, replied: "I am sure that by my body I shall reap the greater reward."

In a few days the olive tree was cut down and carried into the village, and being taken to an inn, was made into a cattle manger.

One night a poor carpenter and his wife took up their lodging in an outer court of the inn and in the night a child was born to them, and was laid in the manger. The olive wood saw many wise men bring gifts to the babe and soon learned that he cradled the king of the world, and felt that his reward was great.

The sycamore was made king after the olive was taken away, and his reign suited himself if no one else. But at last he, too, was taken away by the woodsmen, and made into a cross which was sold to a crowd of men who placed it on a high hill between two smaller crosses. The sycamore felt quite proud of his place on the high hill. But when men were stretched in agony upon himself and each of the smaller crosses, and he learned that the form he bore was Christ the King, he bowed his head with shame, sorrow and humility, knowing that his only reward was a heavy cross for his sins.

A Winter's Tale.

Ye narrow strip of crystal ice
Upon ye city walk;
Ye man and maiden trim and nice
Engaged in loving talk.

Ye naughty word, ye stifled scream,
Ye skyward flying feet;
Ye man he looketh very green,
Ye maiden looketh meek. —*Ex.*

Notes.

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"I have *crobbed* my Virgil."

"They heaped up the coal so that it looked like a pile of wood."

The third and last term of the year has begun with all the teachers and most of the scholars in their usual places. The work will probably be rather harder than usual, as so much was lost last term, and must be made up by next June.

Miss Edith Dunton, '93, who has been absent on account of scarlet fever, has returned to school.

Lewis Sheldon, formerly '91, and James Sawyer and Robert Gilmore, formerly '92, spent their vacation in Rutland.

The examinations are all safely past, the reports have been issued, and the seats changed. Some like their new seats, others do not. All depends on the degree of backwardness.

Robert Rice, '93, returned to school at the beginning of the term.

Miss Carrie Daniels, '94, has returned to school after a slight illness.

Miss Mabel Curtis, formerly '91, very pleasantly entertained several of her friends at whist, Wednesday evening, March 30.

A very pleasant change has been made in the school room. Two rows of seats in the middle of the room, directly in front of the desk, have been removed and the recitation seats placed there and securely screwed down. In this way all the class is brought nearer together, and all can hear much better.

Miss Kelley spent her vacation in Boston, but Miss Clapp, on account of illness, remained in Rutland.

At the last meeting of the R. H. S. D. C., the following officers were elected: President, Farrell, '92; Vice-President, Bates, '93, and Secretary, Gilman, '94.

The class in American Literature is at present studying the Bible. No doubt they will find it very instructive in other respects, as well as a model of English Literature.

Miss Margaret Mangan, '92, has returned to school after a serious illness.

Besides the changes made last term in the studies, Astronomy has been supplied in the place of Arithmetic, and two of the Seniors are taking Homer as a fourth study.

As Miss Daniels, one of the debaters for last Friday, was absent, Miss Jackson had to uphold the affirmative alone.

John Sheldon, '91, who is in school at Andover, spent his vacation in town.

April Fool's Day came and passed with nothing of more importance happening in the school room than the receipt of several notes containing only "April Fool" One daring pupil knocked on the school room door, and then beat a hasty retreat.

A debate between the Minervans and R. H. S. Debating Club occurred Friday, March 11. The subject of debate was: Resolved, That poverty is a greater producer of crime than wealth. The debaters were Miss Franklin and Miss Canty on the affirmative; Burnham and Stearns on the negative. The judges were Rev. G. W. Phillips, Miss Silliman, Miss Otis, Farrell and Burt. The debates were all excellent aud the arguments strong. Miss Franklin opened for the affirmative. She said that the State prisons were filled by poor people. She quoted Scriptures to good effect and her points were well taken. Burnham said that the subject might be taken under two heads, that the desire of wealth caused crime, and that the possession of wealth caused crime. He treated the subject under these different heads. Miss Canty asserted that crime is very often caused by actual lack of means of sustenance. She closed with a pertinent poem by Virgil. Stearns replied that poetry was very pretty but facts were needed. He succeeded in tearing down many of his opponents' strongest arguments. He cited many recent cases of crime produced by wealth. His remarks were short, concise and to the point. After a reply by the affirmative the judges retired and soon brought in a decision of three to two in favor of the affirmative.

Exchanges.

The *Student* from Portland comes to us with a very handsome cover in gold and white with a binding of yellow ribbon. It is devoted to the class of '92, and has the usual class prophecies, poems, etc. One of the essays, entitled "The National Evil of Gambling," is very well written.

The *Oak, Lily and Ivy* contains an article on the "Causes and attending circumstances of Cicero's orations against Cataline." To any one who contemplates reading Cicero, this article would be very instructive. To those who are reading Cicero (many because they have to) it would enable them to get a better mark on an "exam." and they would also enjoy their reading more, as they would be able to understand the movements of the different actors.

The *Lever* has an editorial on the Louisiana Lottery Company. We are very glad to see that our contemporary has at last awoke to the situation and has begun to pitch into that company. It isn't best for a school paper to have anything to do with politics, but if they desire to have their say they can at least have it at the right time, and not after the subject is moss grown.

The *Cadet* contains a very good article on the "Silver Question" and everybody ought to read it. This question, which now fills the editorial columns of our great dailies, and the reports of the debates, very few people understand because they haven't taken the trouble to follow the thing from the very beginning.

The *Volcano* bobs up serenely from our pile of exchanges with an article entitled "Was Fitz-James strictly Truthful?" The merits of the question are discussed very briefly and the author declares that he can't see why Fitz-James should conceal his rank from Ellen. Perhaps if he had read the whole poem he would have found out.

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WHAT CAN A SPELLER DO?

If an S and an I and an O and a U
With an X at the end spell Su,
And an E and a Y and an E spell I,
Pray, what is a speller to do?

Then, if, also, an S and an I and a G
And an H E D spell cide,
There's nothing much left for a speller to do
But to go and commit siouxeyesighed.
—Ex.

When swine, possessed by devils fierce,
Ran down into the sea,
Their owners should have shed no tears,
But laughed right merrily.

There was their winter's pork in brine,
They need not sorrow sham,
But rather call their friends and dine
Upon some deviled ham. —Ex.

Every part of a rattlesnake keeps cool in time of danger except his tail—that gets rattled.—Ex.

A TRAMP'S POETRY.

Since in working and in resting
Life is divided best,
Let others do the working,
And we will do the rest. —Ex.

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SEVERAL of the R. H. S. ites attended the speech given in the town hall by Thomas B. Reed, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, and were richly repaid for their pains. Mr. Reed is a very interesting speaker and although his voice had evidently suffered from his recent campaign, he made a very favorable impression upon the listening crowd of both Republicans and Democrats who occupied every available position where a person could stand or sit. He explained the tariff in a very plain manner, and interspersed his logic with such a flow of wit that the house was almost continually ringing with applause or laughter. During his speech he paid a high compliment to Senator Morrill and Vermont.

ALMOST everything has waked up this spring and commenced a new life, but we haven't heard from the base ball club yet, and evidently it is still deeply buried in the arms of Morpheus. Brace up, boys, and let us have a good club this year.

THIS bright, joyous April weather is enjoyed by all. Every one feels its influence and wishes to be out of doors; there is an irresistible something throbbing through our veins which urges us to nobler action and thoughts. We are longing for some field of labor where we can expend our surplus energy. Very well,—let the NOTES, if it may presume so much, inform the members of the school of an excellent means of exercising their good intentions and making two unhappy mortals (the business managers of this paper) extremely happy. They have been patient, long-suffering and kind, but at last they consider it time that patience ceased to be a virtue. To you it is a very small matter, but with us it is quite different; there are sixty-five subscribers who have not paid their subscriptions; now we leave it to you,

whether or not this *little* matter does not assume stupendous proportions. Do not read this and then forget it. Consult at once the list of delinquent subscribers and if you find your name there *pay at once.*

Literary.

FROM CHICAGO TO PORTLAND.

On the evening of the 22d of June, 1891, a party of nine, "*quorum pars magna fui*," as Æneas modestly states, left Chicago for the West. Late in the evening we crossed the Mississippi, and it looked very picturesque by moonlight, with a few twinkling lights dotting its unruffled surface. As we then retired we saw only a little of Iowa, and that on the next morning. After stopping in Council Bluffs for a few minutes, the Union Pacific Railway, which owns the bridge across the Missouri here, took the train across into Omaha. There we made a stop during most of the day, and saw the sights, chiefly from electric cars. The city is built on sloping bluffs, with the Missouri at their foot. The place justly possesses a "boom," for within ten years the population has increased ten fold. The inhabitants now number 150,000, more or less, depending on the real estate agent that talks to you. Omaha is well built, with many fine buildings and business blocks.

We started on again in the evening, and before "turning in" spent a long time watching curious cloud formations and intermittent lightnings far behind us. When we next procured newspapers we learned that a great part of Iowa was flooded and many lives lost on that very night, as the readers of this paper may remember.

The next morning we found ourselves traveling across dreary sage-brush land. Gopher holes and their inmates were seen, and sage, daisies, and some peculiar grasses were plucked by the botanically inclined members of the party. We passed through Cheyenne, Wyoming's capital, getting a glimpse of the State House, up on a hill. The Rockies were in sight here and during the rest of the day. Rocks were seen that had very fantastic shapes, and the camera was kept busy taking pictures of towns and landscapes. Snow fences and sheds decorated the side-hills and cuts. Late in the day we went through Green River, Wyoming, a town at the foot of a high rock, which, in the gloaming, as we saw it, looked very much like a castle. This part of Wyoming is very arid and unproductive.

When the next day dawned upon us we discovered that we were in Salt Lake City. As soon as possible I walked out to get first impressions of the town. Little streams of melted snow from the mountains run in the gutters beside all the streets sloping toward the lake. In one place an Indian family, gaudily dressed in red and yellow, from pater familias down, was cooking its breakfast at the roadside. Later we engaged a capacious carriage and set out to "do" the city. The driver was talkative, and also a Mormon. The first house he pointed out was one occupied by Brigham Young's nineteenth wife. We visited the famous Tabernacle, an immense, oval, dome-roofed building, made entirely of material found in Utah, or Deseret, as the Mormons choose to call it. The main audience room is a splendid auditorium. A pin dropped from a height of four inches can be heard by a listener two hundred feet away. The home-made organ was played for a few minutes, and the effect was grand and

majestic in the extreme. Near the Tabernacle is the Temple, now nearly completed, after thirty-eight years' work. This building is tall, square, and of a very composite order of architecture, adorned with emblems, such as the sun, the moon, the dipper, and the All-seeing Eye. After seeing the rest of the sights, including Brigham Young's grave and the homes of a few of his nineteen or more wives, we drove through a United States army fort, from which can be seen Emigrant Gap, where the first Mormon pilgrims entered the land which they hoped to govern to suit themselves. Later in the day we tried to swim in Great Salt Lake, but we found that the water was too buoyant for comfortable swimming, and came out feeling like Lot's wife, as the salt clung to all parts of us, making an unpleasant incrustation.

In the evening we again resumed our westward course, spending two nights and a day passing through Idaho and Oregon. The region is an unfruitful plateau, some of which, when intelligently irrigated, produces good crops. As we approached Portland, following the course of the Columbia, our eagerness to see the famous Dalles Rapids caused us to see many things that otherwise we would have missed, and Multnomah Falls was one of these. The fall looks something like the "Bridal Veil," as it drops several hundred feet with the spray blowing about like fog. It is only a cascade, but on account of its own beauty and the wildness and picturesqueness of its surroundings, it is pleasanter to look at than even mighty Niagara.

As it was the beginning of the salmon fishing season, we saw many modes of catching the fish that is so plentiful at present. The commonest method is the revolving net, which is anchored in a rapid current, to catch up-going fish.

We arrived at Portland in the morning of June 27, and made sight-seeing expeditions all day. Portland is a pleasant city, with a settled, prosperous appearance that reminds one of some Eastern cities. The streets are shady and broad, and the city is well provided with street cars. We made two trips to get views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helen's, but could not see the tops of the peaks either time, because they were covered with mist.

Portland has a Chinese quarter, which we visited. We saw many curious articles of food in the Chinamen's market, and noticed that opium was advertised as a "provision." A little Chinese boy, clothed in silk and much gravity, was introduced to us by his proud parent. This boy is one of the two or three Chinese children in the United States. After seeing many other sights of minor interest, we took the cars for the north, to see Tacoma and Seattle.

R. S.

A RHYME FOR THE A'S.

A is for Alice, and also for Ann,
B is for Bessie who does all she can.
C is for Carrie who lives on West Hill,
D is for Davey who cannot keep still.
E is for Earl so grand and so tall,
Likewise for Eggleston, ever so small;
F is for Farrell, who is liked by us all.
G is for Gertrude who tends to be doubtful,
H is for Helen who knows a great book full.
I is for Iodine which we like not a bit,
J is for Jane who has considerable wit.
K is for Kingsley who is never to blame,
L is for Long who used to walk lame.
M is for Martha, uncertain and fair,
Also for Margaret, who has curly hair;
N is for Naylon who is easy to scare.

O is for Olives which are rather green,
P is for Patterson, jolly and keen.
Q is for Quaker, a thou er and thee er;
R begins R. H. S. which we revere.
S is for Silliman, decided but gentle,
T is for Teacher ever so mental.
U is for Union of which we are one,
V is for Ventilation of which we have some.
W is for Winn whose voice is so mellow,
Also for Welch who's a pretty good fellow;
X is for Xenophon, taken by few,
Y for our youth to which we soon bid adieu.
Z is for Zygma of which we have two,
Also for Zero which makes us feel blue.

M. F. M.

THE CLASS MEETING.

There was a sound of revelry and dissension intermingled with fragments of talk, motions, clapping of hands, and strong language emanating from the class room of the second assistant, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 21. The wheels of trade were stopped, pupils who remained in the school room to study listened and trembled, even the desks were affixed to the floor, seemingly with horror, and with reason, for the A's were holding a class meeting.

Fifteen of the learned eighteen were present when the meeting was called to order. They appeared peaceful, even resigned at first, but there were traces of conflicting emotions visible on the faces of all, traces of determination on the countenances of the boys, traces of obstinacy and contrariety floating evanescently over the features of the falsely so-called gentler sex. These things plainly presaged coming storms.

The chair announced that they were convened to decide whether a reception should be held on the evening of Commencement day. It was evidently a foregone conclusion that one should be held, and so one was unanimously voted for.

The question of class flower was then broached. It evoked a little enthusiasm, there being three candidates for this honor. A ballot was called for and the result was twelve votes for clover, one vote for butter-cup and one for forget-me-not.

Following this came a hot discussion on the subject of a class emblem. At a meeting held long, long ago, it was voted to have a ring, all but three or four being in favor of it, and a beautiful and substantial one was chosen. But these three or four on the opposition were so "set" in their way that no one has purchased a ring, fearing, perhaps, that if all did not get one it could not be considered a class affair; and knowing very well that the opposition would do all in their power to ridicule the affair. And now in this meeting came forth the horrible fact that these vacillating females had been talked over, and by a small majority it was voted not to have a ring but to have *some* emblem. The opposition was very ready with one. They said that a double bow-knot, with one side of one ribbon covered with blue enamel paint and the other side of the other ribbon gold plated, would be ravishingly beautiful—and appropriate—and spendid in every particular. The boys, however, couldn't go this, and the idea was carefully wrapped up in tissue paper and put away. The subject of a class emblem was then dropped.

A discussion of who should have the class-day appointments then took place. Some wanted the election right away, while others wished to wait till a full attendance could be had. It was voted to have the election immediately, but so much discussion and so great a tumult arose that the President called for a motion to adjourn. Then the fun grew fast and furious. Twice was the motion put and twice lost; one member left with the avowed intention of burying herself in *innocuous desuetude*, and finally the meeting dissolved—

Even as a troubled dream, which cometh not to last,
As a so-called ton of W—'s coal before the wintry blast;
Even as one of C—'s fine shoes, upon the school-room floor,
As a ——? of F—'s apple juice avant the noble four.

Notes.

SUBSCRIPTIONS! SUBSCRIPTIONS!

Teacher—"Translate 'fussent' correctly. It does not mean 'fussed.'" Bright Boy—"I fussed enough to get it, anyway."

On account of the great kindness of the Governor in appointing Friday as Fast Day and a legal holiday, there was a whole day's vacation for the scholars. They think they would rather fast than go to school.

Clash! whang! bang! is the sound that meets our ears when any one approaches the shelves in the corner near the girls. The books are piled on them in such a way that the least move sends them to the floor.

Miss Carrie Daniels, '94, has returned to school, after an absence caused by sickness.

The anxious day for the Seniors has come and gone. Their records have been examined, and the ten lucky (?) ones, who are to speak at Commencement, have been found.

Many members of the R. H. S. have been scouring the hills in search of arbutus, and come to school perfectly content if they had found a single blossom to adorn their buttonholes.

Miss Mamie Pond, formerly a member of '93, has returned to school after a long absence, caused by sickness.

What has happened to the committee on class rings? Many of the Seniors expected to have their rings before Christmas, but we haven't seen them yet. What is the class flower? The Juniors will want to know that soon, also, in order to have a good supply on hand by the middle of June.

The class that has been studying Latin Lessons is now studying Cæsar. It is reading the second book first.

From a distant corner of the school room the Classical Dictionary calls to the Latin scholars, to handle it with gentle touch. Its covers have fallen off and its leaves are loose from long usage. Yet how can it be spared even long enough to be repaired?

A week ago Thursday the attendance was remarkably small, especially among the boys. Ex-Speaker Reed proved a greater attraction to the rising voters than school.

For several days the girls of the A class have had the pleasure (?) of spending the last hour in the school room, instead of going at three, as is their custom.

Two weeks ago to-day the members of the editorial staff had their pictures taken. The camera was not harmed and all the editors are alive to tell the tale.

Mr. X. says he is willing to furnish estimates on the character of the second *Oliver Cromwell* to all who wish them.

Query for the English History class: —Who was Purge, and what about his Pride?

W. S. Tuttle and Ernest H. Russell '93, and Bennie Burt, '94, have left school for good. Tuttle enters the employ of The Tuttle Co.; Russell that of D. M. White, and Burt takes a position as second assistant bookkeeper in the Merchants' National Bank. Good luck to you, boys.

Exchanges.

Another new exchange comes to us from Tacoma, Washington. It is a very good sized sheet but still there is plenty of room for improvement.

The *Academy Student* contains a very interesting description of the New Orleans Mardi Gras. The two words "Mardi Gras" mean Fat Tuesday, something very few people in the North know.

The *Tripod* has an article descriptive of Phillips Exeter that would be very interesting to any one contemplating a course of study in that famous institution.

Our old friend the *Orange H. S. Life* has been reduced in size somewhat. We are very sorry to see this, as it shows very plainly that one of two things has happened. The brains of the editors have given out or the "tin" has.

The *Rexhighan* appears with an article on the "Battenkill Valley in Colonial Days." The author of course has hauled in the usual Indian names and the ancient stories about old warpaths and trails that every river valley in New England and New York lays claim to.

The *College Mirror* has two very well written articles on the "Civilization of the Anglo Saxon" and the "Arab and his Religion" which reflect great credit on their authors. The first article traces the ascent of the Anglo Saxons from a state of the utmost barbarism to that of the greatest civilization. The latter article describes the devotion of an Arab to his religion and his fanatical desire for its advancement. "Mohammed's religion could be carried hand in hand with the sword for it is a religion of man." This is the secret of the wonderful spread of Mohammedanism, for it appeals directly to the most dominant qualities of a man.

Mrs. Callahan.— "I want er pair er shoes fer me little bye."

Clerk.— "French kid?"

Mrs. C. (indignantly) — "Indade not. He's me own son, born an' bred in Ameriky."—Ex.

Teacher. — "Somebody has been throwing paper behind my back; Memes, can you tell me who it was?"

Memes (who was the culprit himself)—"I know who it was, but I hardly like to tell."

Teacher.—"A trifle too scrupulous perhaps, but it shows honorable feeling on your part—you may sit down."–Ex.

Stolen Sweets.—A man who has been traveling in the "far west" says—but he probably misrepresents the matter—that when an Idaho girl is kissed she indignantly exclaims: "Now put that right back where you took it from." —Ex.

Teacher (in grammar class)—"Tommy, correct the sentence, 'I kissed Susan onct.'"

Tommy (promptly)—"I kissed Susan twict."—Ex.

Professor.—"Give me the construction of *tempta*,—you may decline it if you wish." Pupil (much relieved).—"Thank you, sir, then I decline."—Ex.

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ONLY five weeks more! We shall have to crowd the class sociables a little. Let us improve our opportunities and do our duty in every particular as regards this sociable business. What is the matter with having a committee of entertainment appointed to help out each sociable by presenting a little programme?

IN a short time from now the new staff of editors will be elected and will take charge of the paper. A meeting to decide who these will be and discuss the prospects of the paper for next year is to be held soon. Here is a thought which we would like to have the editors and members of the school consider and express their opinion upon: How would you like the idea of having a reporter in each room of the High School building, who will inform the editor-in-chief of all incidents which should happen in his respective room? There are a number of reasons why we think that this would benefit the paper. First, it will create an interest in the lower schools for the paper, which, we fear, has heretofore been managed in too exclusive a manner. Secondly, it will enable the board of editors, at the final election, to choose pupils coming into the high school room from the lower grades, who will have some ability as editors. Thirdly, it will extend the circulation of the paper, as the scholars of those schools would naturally wish to read what was said about their own rooms and others below the High School, where it is reasonable to suppose they have more personal friends than in the High School. This can be easily accomplished, as the paper will undoubtedly be enlarged next year.

WELL! we have at last heard from our ball nine with a vengeance! What is the matter, boys? Oh, you needn't answer; *we* know. We know you must have *some* good excuse, but the real trouble with you is called by

a name, the purport of which is as little understood by you as la grippe is by the medical profession. This mysterious word is PRACTICE. By all your past conduct you have shown a total ignorance of the meaning of this word. Perhaps we can enlighten you a little on the practical, everyday significance of it. It does not consist in half the club going into the park one night and the other half the next night, and playing *one old cat* with the select company of urchins, who are always to be found there; it does not consist of fumbling a difficult catch or stop, or letting it go altogether, just because you are practicing; it does not consist of throwing a ball easy on account of your own disposition or the hands of the receiver of the ball. This kind of practice does very well for small boys, but for ball players it is the height of absurdity and foolishness. There is another thing that is not only foolish, but unkind; this is the habit that some of you have of "guying" each other while playing; laughing at each other's faults and making unfriendly comments. When you practice, *practice*, and don't make fun, but rather encourage each other by noticing the good plays and excusing the bad ones. It is safe to say that you *never* practice batting except when you play some other club, and consequently you expend the largest part of your efforts upon unresisting air, and so, even *then*, you don't get much practice. Now turn over a new leaf. Organize a good club and commence an intelligent course of practice that will bring well-merited success. There is no royal (or lazy) road to base ball success. Remember this and follow our advice, and we shall hear of no more records like last Saturday's. We have spoken.

MINERVANS.

The meeting of the Minervans, held April 22, opened with the roll-call and the regular business of the meeting. After the hearing of the Critic's report the debate was opened upon the question:

Resolved, That Victoria is a greater Queen than Elizabeth.

Affirmative—Miss Goodale and Miss Norton; negative—Miss Silliman and Miss Donnelly. The affirmative bro't out many good points in Victoria's character, and spoke particularly of the advancement of education during her reign. The opinions of a number of prominent authors concerning Victoria were given, among them a quotation from Macaulay, to which the negative replied: "Everyone reads, everyone admires, but no one believes Macaulay." The negative also spoke of the very unsettled condition of affairs when Elizabeth came to the throne, as compared with the improved state in which she left them. After the debate a piano solo was given by Miss Metzger, and then the report of the judges was given, which decided in favor of the negative. The meeting then adjourned for two weeks.

Literary.

CONCORD.

Concord, Massachusetts, is a very interesting place for a person to visit if he is at all fond of history. Here the famous battle of Concord was fought, and in addition to this it is, or has been, the home of several persons more or less famous in the literary world. It is a very pretty little place, about twenty miles from Boston, with broad, quiet streets, shaded by beautiful trees. Perhaps the first place of interest, as you drive up the principal

street of the town from the station, is Wright's Tavern. It was here that Major Pitcairn, so many years ago, stirred his toddy with his finger and vowed to make the blood of the regulars boil before morning. This is now a rather dilapidated-looking building, which is used as a dwelling house. Keeping on up the street, your attention is attracted by an apparently very ancient white house with an old-fashioned well-sweep on one side, and over the door a queer sign announcing that antiquarian collections are within. If you enter you will find yourself in a small hall literally crammed with all sorts of curious old things. The proprietor of the establishment looks nearly as old as his treasures, but he knows all about them, and will gladly impart his knowledge to any one who will listen. Among those things which I thought particularly interesting were a napkin woven by Queen Anne, the desk which Thoreau had with him in his hut at Walden, the inkstand and pen which he used to carry with him in the woods, a spinet played upon by Queen Elizabeth, and one of the lanterns hung by Paul Revere in the old North Church.

Still further up the street is Emerson's old home, where his widow and daughter now live. It is a white house with green blinds, and old-fashioned fluted pillars in front. Farther on is Hawthorne's home, the "Wayside," and near by, the house where Miss Alcott lived with her father when she wrote "Little Women."

Retracing your steps and turning toward the river, you come to the battle ground. The spot is marked by two monuments—one of granite, the other a bronze minute-man, made from a cannon used during the Revolution. The latter is mounted on a granite pedestal on which is this inscription:

"By the rude bridge that spanned the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world."

Beside the places which have been mentioned, there are many more quite near Concord which are often visited by tourists. At Sudbury, which is only a few miles away, is the Wayside Inn, made so famous by Longfellow.

At Lexington the battle of that name was fought, and Walden, where Thoreau lived in his cabin and cultivated enough beans for himself—and the woodchucks also—is very near.

Altogether, a few days spent in visiting Concord and the surrounding country will not only furnish a great deal of pleasure, but also considerable instruction to any one who is so fortunate as to go there.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STATUE.

In a small library, owned by a certain young lady, there was a statue of a girl seated at a desk, on which lay a sheet of paper, bearing at the top the single word "Composition."

Her head resting on her left hand, the right holding a pencil, the end of which she was chewing, and the frown on her face, all showed that the statue was appropriately called "The Puzzled School Girl."

One afternoon, about half past four, the young lady who studied in this room, was seated in about the same attitude as that of the statue. "Oh, bother!" she exclaimed, after a few moments of silence; "I can't write a fairy story. What shall I say?" and she gazed at the statue as if expecting

an answer, but silence reigned supreme.

She was about to yield to the soothing influence of the spring breeze as it gently moved the curtains to and fro in the open window, when she heard a strange voice speaking, and, dropping her pencil on the paper, she listened to the statue's story.

"What a relief to be able to move and speak! You think it strange that I can? Often I have tried to talk with you, but you would not listen, or, as your parents expressed it, you would not sleep. Why am I compelled to sit so still with such an angry frown? I was a school girl just as you are, but one unlucky day we were told to write a composition. That would not be a great task, or so I thought, for I was fond of writing. So, choosing my subject from among many others, I commenced planning my story, when, much to my dismay, and even disgust, I learned that a fairy story was required.

"I tried to beg off, but my teacher knew what was best, and so I went home, and with a frown commenced my work. I do not know how long I sat in a position like yours, and complained of my hard lot; but I do know that I felt an icy chill creep over me, and then I could not speak or move.

"It is now three years since that day, but life has been made more endurable from the fact that I was brought at once to this pleasant home, for I never knew before what home was, as I was brought up in a boarding school. So, in one way, I am better off than before."

As the voice ceased the listener was aroused by a terrible pounding, and found that her small cousin was knocking on the locked door to inform her that supper was ready. She said nothing of the statue's talk, but she had no trouble in writing her story for the next day's composition class.

THE CLASS SOCIABLE.

Miss Lucy Cheney entertained the Senior class in a very hospitable manner last Friday evening, April 29. The time was pleasantly passed by the different members, in lively contests around several tiddeldy-winks tables, for proficiency and deficiency in which there were four prizes offered—two for the girls and two for the boys. Miss Long succeeded in securing the first prize for her side of the house, which consisted of an elegant little ————. Eggleston won first prize for gents, and was gladdened and sweetened with a box of Howe's candy. He was immediately besieged, like the "Bishop of Bingen in his manse tower on the Rhine," by the young ladies of the class. At first he turned a deaf ear to their entreaties, but at last opened the box and "treated" the crowd. Miss Wynn received a delightful little tambourine as the "booby" prize for females. Although she is not of a musical turn, she evidently appreciated the gift. Welsh, who *is* of a musical turn, got a tin bugle of the single twist variety for a "booby."

Refreshments, consisting of cake and ice cream, were served during the evening, and their excellency was established beyond a doubt by several of the class epicures ordering a second dish of the cooling dainty. This not only shows the transcendency of the cream, but also the appreciatory palate and good will of the *gourmets*. Undoubtedly they can now sympathize with Zéro in his taste for luxuries, *cher aux estomacs paresseux*. After singing several songs suggestive of the sentiments of the boys, such as "Seeing Nellie Home," "Clementine," and "Over the Banisters," the party broke up. A novel sight was witnessed under the electric light near the house. Eggleston, trusting in the good faith of his feminine escorts came to sudden grief. He found, alas, that they were more *con*fectionate than *af*fectionate. In plain words, they "swiped" his box of sweets, and in turn had it purloined from them by Clauson. Both gentlemen started at the scratch across the road; Greco took the pole, and "Eggie," not getting along fast enough on two legs, performed the first quarter on four, depositing his hat in the mud and disappearing in the darkness, a close second. A treaty was signed in the dark unknown whereby the box was restored to its owner.

This thrilling episode was witnessed by the whole class, but as nothing serious came of it, quiet was soon restored and the homeward march continued without any further interruptions.

Notes.

"Russe à la crême."

The subjects for the essays of the A class have been assigned, and all are busily at work on them. All essays must be prepared by the twenty-first of May.

Miss Lina Edson, a member of the R. E. & C. I., was present at the last debate of the Minervans.

Miss Carrie Bailey, '92, who has been out of school on account of sickness, has returned.

Miss Mamie Donnelly has been appointed by the B class to make the reply to the Seniors at Commencement.

Miss Adeline Ross, '94, has been out of school for a few days on account of sickness.

Many of the boys of this room celebrated Arbor Day by going fishing. The boys enjoyed themselves and the fish were not seriously alarmed, so there was no great harm done.

The clover has finally been chosen by the class of '92 as a class flower. It has been decided to have no class emblem, as it was causing such an uproar among the boys.

Miss Mattie Powers, '93, who has been out of town for several weeks, returned to school Monday.

The B class is busily at work on its rhetoricals for this term. The programme will be one on Christopher Columbus.

At a recent class meeting the Seniors chose those who should take part in the exercises of the evening of June 17. Clauson has the address to the Juniors, Welch the History, Miss Mattie Bailey the Prophecy, and Miss Patterson the poem. All who do not take part in the afternoon probably will in the evening.

Miss Cassie Willis was present at the last meeting of the Minervans.

The book, "Seven Thousand Words often Mispronounced," placed in the school room last fall, has proved a veritable treasure to the scholars who go to it to settle all questions of mispronunciation.

One of the fishermen returned to school on Tuesday with quite a fish story, which was that he caught so many fish that he had to go a second time in order to bring them all home. The truth was found to be that he had forgotten a reel and line, and went back for them.

R. H. S. D. C.

A meeting of the R. H. S. Debating Club was held April 21, in the Laboratory. The subject of debate was—*Resolved*, That it is more beneficial to be reared in the country than in the city. Affirmative—Lewis and Page; negative—Keyes and Fisher. Good arguments were brought forward on both sides. The judges brought in a decision of three to two in favor of the negative.

The committee appointed at the previous meeting to draw up an amendment to the constitution then made its report, which was accepted. By this amendment the President must be chosen from the A class, Vice-President from the B class and Secretary from the C class. Also, election of officers shall occur at the first regular meeting of each term.

It was suggested and resolved that, hereafter, during the time the judges are absent from the room a general debate upon the subject shall be had. The meeting then adjourned.

Exchanges.

Two of our honored college contemporaries have the usual editorials announcing a new board of editors. We wish our friends all success in their glorious work.

The *H. S. World* has a very crisp editorial on their politics. They announce that they intend to cast their vote for the best man as President. Whether this means that they will not express any opinion on the matter, until some gentleman is elected to that highly honorable office, and they come out with an "I told you so," or some other possibility, we are unable to say.

The *Golden Rod* lies on our exchange table with its usual happy look, but there are no ads. We are very sorry to see this vacancy, as it must be a silent witness to the tribulations of the business manager.

The *Lamentian* has a very interesting essay entitled "A Bank Note." "William Patterson, the founder of the Bank of England, defined a bank note thus: 'It is a note payable to bearer on demand, without any endorsement.'" The author deserves a good deal of credit for leaving out the various technicalities that might have made his essay very uninteresting.

The *Lynn H. S. Gazette* has taken up the subject of "College Education," and in the last issue comes out with an article on that subject. This might be very interesting reading for any one who maintains that a college education is a waste of time. The misguided person who thinks that a person can get along in this world without a college education ought to be sent to some institution of learning where he can be taught that "education is a great thing," or incarcerated in a mad house or penitentiary.

The editor sat in his sanctum,
Letting his lessons rip;
Raking his brain for an item,
And stealing all he could clip.
The editor sat in his class room,
As if getting over a drunk;
His phiz was clouded with awful gloom.
For he made a total flunk.

The editor sat in his sanctum
And hit himself in the eye,
And swore he'd enough of the business;
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THE "Commencement" number of the "NOTES" will be issued as soon as possible after the closing exercises. It will contain a report of the afternoon and evening programmes, the class history, poem, address to Juniors, prophecy and the Junior reply. To this will be added much valuable and interesting reading. All those who wish to secure a copy of it can do so by applying at Spaulding's bookstore during and after the week following Commencement. To those who are editors, or those who would like to write an article for the paper, we would suggest an easy way in which to secure materials for its composition. When you take your summer vacation, just jot down a short description of the places and objects of interest which you may happen to visit. These notes, with the aid of your memory, will enable you to paint a bright and interesting pen picture of the whole vacation trip or of some of its peculiarly interesting points. It is a good plan to jot down any good thought of your own, or of others, with which you may happen to meet.

THE new board of editors has been elected, and the prospect of the paper for next year is exceedingly bright. The scheme in regard to the representation of the three Grammar schools is meeting with well-deserved success. There will be a large increase of subscribers next year from those schools, in consequence of which the paper will be doubled in size and issued once a month. This will increase the magnitude and importance of the paper, and, in our judgment, it will give still better satisfaction than ever before. The NOTES has always been handicapped, to a certain extent, by its diminutive size, but, being published once in two weeks, it was not practicable to increase its dimensions; but a monthly has a great advantage over the bi-weekly, there being more time to "work up" the paper.

Have you noticed the careworn and jaded look of the happy (?) ten lately? The subjects were given them several days ago, and the price of oil, reference books and spectacles has gone up "so you could notice it." But what is to be the outgrowth of all this? That is what we are interested in. We only hope that the intellectual ten will not quite overcome us with the quality and quantity of their compositions. The reception committee have arranged an appropriate programme for the evening's entertainment. That's right. We are pleased to see things progressing so finely. There's no doubt that the talents and push of the class will place their commencement of '92 on record as the greatest success in the history of the R. H. S.

THE MINERVANS.

The regular meeting of the Minervans, held May 13th, opened with the roll-call and regular business, after which the following programme was given: A solo by Miss Kelley, "The Bridge," then a recitation by Miss Baker, "The Modern Belle," after which the general debate opened on the question—Resolved, That luck has more to do with a man's fortunes than his own work.

The affirmatives gave historical incidents and also spoke of luck being but another name for the providence of God, and argued that nothing could be stronger. They also mentioned that it was nothing but luck when some pupils escaped being called upon in recitation by the bell ringing before their turn came.

The negatives also cited instances in history showing how various famous historical characters earned their positions by work and perseverance. They said, too, that professional men, if trusting to luck, could not gain as good reputations as through hard work.

After this a comic recitation, "Nicodemus Dodge," by Miss Metzger, was much enjoyed, and was followed by a piano solo by Miss Flynn, after which the club adjourned for two weeks.

SOCIABLES.

A very pleasant sociable was held May 6 at the home of Miss Carrie Bailey. After the usual greetings were exchanged the hostess tacked a large sheet of white paper on the door. Each one, after being blindfolded, attempted to draw on the paper the outline of a pig, to the best of his ability. To the president of the class, in acknowledgment of his exertions, was awarded the first prize, which consisted of a handsome inkstand. Graeco secured a china "pig family" as the "booby" prize. Much pleasure was experienced during the awarding of the prizes. Choice refreshments were served during the evening, and, after the singing of college songs, the party broke up.

The next sociable was held May 13 at the home of Miss Sue Long, on West street. A very enjoyable evening was spent in playing progressive halma; after which refreshments were served, during which everybody enjoyed themselves. Next a "modern" plum pudding was brought in. Perhaps a word of explanation is necessary here. This wonderful pudding was made in a tin boiler, and each person had his turn in helping himself to a plum, some of which were the most remarkable ever raised. The "quiet one" succeeded in procuring an immense banana, which disappeared in an astonishing short space of time. One of the young men obtained a hair pin, which he exchanged with one of his young lady friends. Many plums equally strange were produced amid great laughter. Then, after singing several of the inevitable college songs, the members of the class departed for their respective homes.

R. H. S. D. C.

The Debating Club held the regular meeting May 13, with the following subject for discussion:

Resolved, That examinations are a fair test of the fitness of young men entering college.

Affirmative, Harwood and Lawrence; negative, Eggleston and Davis. Harwood opened the debate with the argument that Yale and Harvard still used the examination system, and that they were considered the best colleges in the country. He said examinations promoted the desire for study and so raised the standard of scholarship.

Davis, for the negative, made, as his plea, the evils of preparing for the examination only a few days beforehand. He cited many excellent examples in support of his statements.

Lawrence, in his reply, made very exhaustive argument, stating his points clearly and comprehensively and in a way that produced bursts of applause.

Eggleston, in closing, made a rather sarcastic speech, in which he very skillfully destroyed many of his opponents' arguments. The judges, after a stormy session, gave a verdict for the affirmative. The plan of holding a general debate after the judges retired worked very well indeed.

It is fully time to speak again about subscriptions. Can't they as well be paid now as next month? It would be a great help to the business managers if they could all be paid at once.

Literary.

AN INTERESTING MILL.

Nestled in a green valley, close beside a stream which murmurs and sparkles all day long, in the very heart of the Green Mountains, is a neat little mill that presents a scene of great activity all the year round. It is divided into four departments, viz.: grist, saw, shingle and cider mill. In the winter the farmers fell their trees, cut them up into logs, and haul them here to be sawed up into lumber or shingles.

It is a novel experience to stand beside the great saw and hear it screech and whizz through the logs of sweet smelling hemlock or spruce.

The rattle and shake of the machinery and building, together with the unearthly wail of the saw, produces at first a peculiar sensation which it is impossible to portray.

The shingle and grist mill departments are interesting in their way; especially the latter, when you can see the golden grain heaped up in the commodious hopper, which holds several bushels, and imagine and conjecture the number of kernels there might be there until you finally appreciate the force of the familiar story about the birds and the wheat: "and then there came a little bird and took away another grain." Or you can watch the seemingly tireless grain elevator as its little cups keep going up past the small slot through which you are looking, each with its heaping load of grain or meal. At first it appears as though each cup was a new one, but upon drawing nearer and marking some peculiarity about one of them and waiting a few seconds it again appears from below and you discover that the

whole number are arranged upon an endless belt; thus each cup after dumping its load above, goes down and dips itself full again.

But the subjects of greatest interest were the cider and apple-seed departments. They average 75 barrels of cider here a day; and the owner informed me that once during a "drive" he got out 100 barrels. A mill in which this amount of work can be accomplished is worthy of our attention. Let us go in and see how they do it. In front of the mill you notice a large bin in which are several thousand bushels of apples; following the road which leads around to the rear we come immediately upon the scene of action. There is the miller, just starting the machinery. See the apples coming down that large spout that leads from the big bin we saw above! They fall immediately into a grater, and are quickly converted into a juicy mass of pomace, which in turn falls in a box beneath. While this has been going on his assistant has placed a rack, or frame of wood upon the large platform with the grooves cut around it. Covering this with a large piece of strong jute, he shovels a large heap of pomace upon it. After spreading and leveling this sufficiently he throws up the cloth around it; then he lays on another frame and cloth, and the process is repeated until four or five packages have been collected. This is called "laying up the cheese." Upon the last frame several large pieces of timber are placed. Immediately above the "cheese" is a large frame-work which at the proper time commences to descend. It does not stop when it reaches the timbers, but keeps right on in its irresistible descent forcing the timbers beneath it. There is a bulging out of the cloths of the "cheese." Little streams commence to run down its sides, which increase as the iron press descends; these collect, run along the grooves in the platform, come together at one of the corners and form an amber stream which falls into the vat waiting to receive it.

Let's try it and see how it tastes. Ah! delicious.

We sip it as we watch the brown tide rise in the oaken vat. Previously we have noticed a pipe running from this vat through a force pump and terminating in a still larger vat situated about four feet from the ground.

Suddenly, as the enclosed liquid reaches a certain height, the pump starts as though by magic and we can hear the cider falling into the vat above, making a sputtering noise at first that gradually changes into a liquid gurgle as the *aqua regia* gains depth and volume.

Then comes a man with a team, having several empty barrels in his wagon. With a dexterity secured by long practice he quickly backs his team to the particular spot at which the loading is done, and rolling one of his barrels to the mill-owner who connects it with the elevated tank by means of a rubber hose, soon has a large stream of cider running into it. This barrel filled another takes its place, and so on until all are filled.

After watching the filling of the barrels we turn our attention to the press again. In the meantime this constrictive engine has been descending slowly, but surely, converting the grated apples into a compact mass, the shape of the cloth that surrounds it. The flush streams which occupied the groves around the press have now nearly disappeared, and the silent stream, the offspring of their union, that ran sparkling into the vat below, has now dwindled to a little jet that breaks into large drops before reaching its destination; these drops following each other in quick succession, give forth an indescribably sweet little musical pu-r-r-r, "growing smaller by degrees and beautifully less," as the supply from the press is exhausted. The pump stops working in the same magical manner that it started, and now that great iron torment, the press, ceases its persecutions and is drawn upward to its first position. One cannot help being reminded of the rack, in watching the potent working of this powerful machine, for it was in very much the same manner that the Spaniards of the "Inquisition" squeezed the very *spirits* out of *their* victims.

The men now undo the first cloth and disclose the pomace in such a hard and solid mass that it is possible to cut it into sections; these are loaded into wheelbarrows or baskets, and carried out and dumped into a peculiar looking tank located on the bank of the brook. After each cheese has been served in this way, we are invited to come out and watch the last process to which these much vexed apples are obliged to submit.

The tank is evidently about fifteen feet long and four feet high, having its interior divided into three compartments, making, practically, three vats of it. There are alternate openings in the upper portions of the interior partitions and the end board, arranged in such a manner as to give a revolving motion to the water in each division, the latter being supplied from a small flume, connected with the larger mill flume. The water comes racing down the flume, enters the first division with a rush, whirls up the mass of pomace, and rises rotating rapidly towards the opening in the first wall. As the water reaches the opening the matter that has risen with it is carried into vat No. 2. As it disappears we are able to perceive a dark mass of tiny objects circling around at the bottom of vat No. 1.

We soon recognize these; they are nothing more or less than apple seeds. The action in the second and third vats is similar to that in the first, after which the waste is carried into the brook. By this method the seeds carried from the first vat are secured in the second or third.

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Her faults I love her still.—Ex.

Notes.

According to a brilliant member of the English History class George II. was every inch a shoulder.

Although the editors for next year have been chosen, they will not begin work until the next edition. It has been decided to enlarge the paper and have a reporter from each of the Grammar schools.

The annual meeting of the Old Rose Tennis Club was held Thursday, May 19. Its court on North Main street will probably soon be put in order.

Miss May Sawyer, formerly of '93, spent Sunday, May 8, in town.

The Virgil class has a choice collection of translations, taken chiefly from the fourth and fifth books, which it will be pleased to offer to any planning to read the Æneid. They are unequalled in wit and originality.

Complaints still come from the B and C classes—particularly from the C—that the locals are taken chiefly from events in the Senior class. The paper is, and should be, a school paper, but as the local editor is from the A class, and as those from the other classes who have been asked to report things of interest do not report, it is not surprising that the locals do not refer more particularly to those classes.

The essays of the Seniors are due to-day. Mr. Ellsworth wishes that the rehearsals may begin at once, so that there may be ample time for all and need not be a rush at the end.

Many new facts about the discoverer of our country have been brought before our notice.

A letter has lately been received from the Secretary of Brown University stating that scholars from our school will be received on certificate. This goes to prove that the R. H. S. does fit for college.

At the last meeting of the Minervans there was a general debate on the subject that man's advancement depends more on luck than on his own exertions.

The announcement that Mr. Ellsworth will leave the High School at the close of this year is received with much regret by his pupils.

The third rhetorical programme given by the B class occurred on Friday, May 20. The subject was "Columbus and the Columbian Exposition." It consisted of interesting essays and recitations. There were also several pleasing musical selections. The programme was arranged entirely by Miss Kelley, to whom many thanks are due for her efforts in compiling it.

Exchanges.

In the *University Cynic* there appears a very interesting article on the idiocracies and intricacies of the English language, entitled "Half an Hour with the English Language." This article shows that there are 1,275 words, according to Webster, in the pronunciation of which authorities are not agreed, 1,550 words whose spelling is undecided, and the writer of the article says it is no wonder that we ordinary mortals make mistakes when even the grammarian tells us "a preposition is a bad word to end a sentence *with*."

The *Golden Rod* has a very good article on Minerva which the members of the Minervan Society of our school would do well to read.

X.—(Sighing)—Alas! Y.—Why so sad, old boy? X.—A lass, a lass!

—[Ex.

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AT last an opportunity has been presented to the seniors to begin their social revelries by a grand sleigh-ride. The class in question have been exceedingly studious and devoted to their duties during the past four months, and it is now time to follow the custom of their predecessors and change their present course. By this suggestion we do not insinuate any neglect whatever of the many laborious tasks imposed upon them, but since the reputation which they have acquired is so brilliant, we feel assured that after some such pleasure they will only apply themselves more earnestly to work. Let us then all wish for another snowfall, to furnish better sleighing for the seniors.

IT is evident to the pupils and to those concerned in the musical interests of the school, that a new piano for the school-room ought to be secured. When, several years ago, the present piano was purchased by the board of education, we considered ourselves fortunate, since it was far better than the old organ; but it would have been only a matter of economy if, at that time, a good substantial instrument had been obtained. It seems somewhat unreasonable to again call upon the board, so what can be better than that the pupils themselves should arrange some interesting entertainment, and thus increase the fund already begun? When such an affair is undertaken the greatest amount of labor naturally falls upon a few; nevertheless, those few should be supported by the active interest of the whole school. However, until something definite can be done towards securing a new piano, will not some one have enough pride to keep the keys on this one *clean?*

POSTAGE stamps bearing pictures illustrating scenes in the life of Columbus have already been distributed by the government as souvenirs of the proposed Columbian celebration. We do not wish to criticise them in the artistic sense, yet when looking at these elaborate prints we cannot help but think that the postal authorities

supposed everybody owned high-power magnifying glasses. The stamps give reproductions of the historical pictures so finely, that it is impossible to see them to very good advantage without the aid of some sort of a magnifier.

TO students and those interested in educational purposes, the advisability of young men and women attending college is always more or less under discussion. Some have an idea that the average school or college graduate should be presented to the world with a mind stored so full of facts as to be regarded as a "walking encyclopedia." This, however, is not true, for the education received in our institutions, however broad it may seem, is but a beginning, and is mainly valuable in so far as it trains us to the habit of continuous application, after a definite plan and system. To thoroughly study the classics, particularly the long conjugations and declensions, requires the entire diversion of the mind from all outside affairs, thus necessitating great patience and perseverance. This continuous study aids greatly in developing the mental resources, and if for no other reason, is of great value to the student. Indeed, it is admitted that most young men leave college incapable of defining the rules of the English language, but does that prove that they are unfitted to hold the high positions marked out for them in life?

If one wishes to be self-conceited, obtaining merely superficial knowledge on a few general topics of current interest, a college is just the place for him to accomplish this object; but, on the contrary, if he wishes to acquire good, valuable information and train his mind to think and reason logically, a college is just the place for him to accomplish this object. If many college graduates have failed to make life the success which they desired, it does not follow that the institution and teachers from whom he acquired his education are the cause of his failure. It is not so much *what* one learns in the course of study as *how* he applies what he *has* learned. Therefore, he who is determined to make the best of life and can accustom himself to acquire knowledge by the active exertion of his own faculties, is urged to undertake a college course.

THE First Annual Joint Debate between the Debating Clubs of the Rutland High School and the Rutland English and Classical Institute has at last come and gone. How much is expressed in those simple words "at last;" for it is generally understood that it required much controversy and discussion before arrangements were favorably settled. Indeed it was sometimes feared that on account of the endless points raised in argument the debate could not be held; but owing to the consideration and indomitable will of some of our most active members the desired object was finally brought about. During the whole event great fairness prevailed, and had our debaters been less lenient the opposing party would have been often called to order; since the foundation of their arguments was high license instead of prohibition. We do not think it ought to be regretted that the executive committee adhered to the rules of Harvard; that is, had no judges. From the many opinions expressed, most of which were highly favorable for our representatives, we are confident that the *people* have judged fairly, and that the *boys* have displayed the "metal" of the R. H. S. We are proud of them. However, in spite of the usual difficulties attending such an affair it is earnestly hoped that a joint debate may be held annually, since it is so greatly beneficial to both clubs.

THE QUESTION.

In regard to the question: We are sorry that a subject which seems to have aroused so strong partisan feeling on both sides, in our city, was under discussion. But as the question was brought forward and introduced by the Institute executive committee, of which Prof. Perry was a member, and as they chose the affirmative side, the High School does not feel responsible for the result.

We have been assured by our representatives in the debate that had they taken the affirmative of the question they could have prepared a much more brilliant and effective argument than was possible to do on the negative side. They have frankly told us that none more clearly understand the weak points in their own arguments than our debaters themselves. They had canvassed both sides of the question and pretty well understood which points their opponents possessed for effective, not to say unanswerable, replies to their central position.

For instance, our debaters tell us that their main reliance for success on their side was to debate the question almost wholly from the standpoint of the city of Rutland as an object lesson, and of a popular illustration of how the law works in actual practice. This was the stronghold of their side of the debate. They could and did chiefly put forward the city of Rutland as a clincher to their arguments. This course was popular, because they could appeal to the audience to support every one of the facts they presented. They knew they were true and admitted it. But now, if we may be pardoned for seeming to show our opponents how easily they might have met this artful piece of argument, how simple a thing it would have been for the affirmative to respond with ten facts to the negative's one. They might have said: "Yes, you make a very pretty showing with your poor little misgoverned town of Rutland, but you don't say a word about the rest of the towns in the State, of which there are over two hundred and forty. You bring up one town and say, 'see how your boasted law works!' But, gentlemen, for every one you bring forward on the negative we can bring up over twenty at least where this law has been a success. We know that Rutland hasn't caught up with the millenium yet, but how is it with Brandon, Middlebury, Bennington, Brattleboro, Windsor and hosts of smaller towns in which liquor has not been openly sold, almost within the memory of the oldest inhabitants?"

The debaters on the negative foresaw this whole position of their opponents and were conscious of its great strength, and had done their best to meet it, though they had no little fear for the result.

How great, then, was the relief, not to say delight, when, instead of taking this brilliant chance, the affirmative wandered clear outside of the question, something which they had no right to do, and brought in the subject of high license to piece out their debate. This, to our High School debaters, gave rise to a mixture of sensations. There was naturally some pleasure to think that the affirmative had made the battle such a simple one to fight with success. There was, too, a strong sense of sympathy, not to say pity, for the debaters on the affirma-

tive, when it was seen how unfortunate their position must seem to the minds of the audience. And then, of course, there was a little serenity as they surveyed the outcome of the contest.

The debate was a good illustration of the two ways of preparing an argument. The first, adopted by the affirmative, is to write out and learn as an oration a set of arguments against those you *think* your opponents will present. This is all very well in theory, but disastrous in practice, as has been proven in this debate. If the opposing party digress from the supposed course, the points cannot be brought to bear with equal force unless the debater is much used to the platform. Then there are many points best left out that cannot be cut upon the spur of the moment. The other way, adopted by the negative, has no such hazardous chances connected with it. It is simply to take a certain number of topics, enough to cover the whole field, and arrange them interchangeably, then learn them, thus bringing them to bear with force.

We are sorry that our opponents branched from the question and debated upon high license, for, besides being contrary to parliamentary proceedings, it proved as unfortunate to the affirmative as did the expressions of discourtesy of which they were guilty. We hope that no such thing will happen in the next joint debate, for it is the wish of the High School, at least, that their patrons receive that for which they pay.

Shortly before the debate, Judge Robbins, the presiding officer, was asked whether or not the affirmative could be called to order if they introduced high license into their arguments. He said: "If the affirmative introduce high license they may be called to order *every time the subject is mentioned, as there is no provision for such a digression stated in the question.*" But the High School is proud of the fact that, while their representatives could have called their opponents to order repeatedly and the debate practically stopped, the negative maintained the chivalrous reputation of the school by allowing them to proceed without interruption, as an act of courtesy. The debates of the negative were prepared solely by the boys of the High School. Neither did they leave the stage during the debate. The High School rejoices in these facts and is proud, moreover, that its representatives proved themselves to be *gentlemen* at a very trying time in the debate.

Locals.

JOINT DEBATE.

The first annual joint debate between the R. H. S. D. C. and the R. E. C. I. L. took place in the City Hall on the evening of Jan. 18. The question for discussion was: Resolved, "That the prohibitory law is for the best interests of the people of Vermont." The great interest of the citizens in the subject was manifested by the large audience present. The entire hall was handsomely decorated in the national colors, while either half of the stage was trimmed respectively in the colors of the schools represented, together with evergreens and ferns.

The supporters of the affirmative were G. B. Horton and Edwin Congdon of the Institute; those of the negative were J. B. Stearns and E. V. N. Harwood of the High School. Judge Robbins, being the presiding officer, first expressed his gratification at seeing so large an audience, after which Misses Childs and Carpenter rendered, with truly artistic skill, a piano duet from Schubert.

Horton opened the debate for the affirmative, and said: "The object of our discussion is to solve an important question, one of no recent origin, since several centuries ago the liquor traffic was prohibited in China. Maine was the first State to pass a prohibitory law and Vermont the next. License violates the fundamental principles of law. Prohibition is written upon every chapter of divine law. The opposing speakers will advocate a *high license* law. Will less liquor be sold if there are fewer saloons? If Vermont is compared with other States in the Union, you will find the ratio of its prisoners, according to its population, is less than any other. Why, if the law does not prohibit, is it kept upon the statute books of Vermont and Maine? It does not prohibit. One benefit of prohibition against high license is that it keeps down rum even in politics. Look at the rum power in New York State in the election of Senator Murphy at Albany. That is the result of high license."

Stearns, principal on the negative, siad: "We have just listened to curious arguments. My opponent has argued high license, local option, talked on politics, white blackbirds and many other things, but as yet has failed to discuss the real question. We are here to debate the prohibitory law. A law, to be for the best interests of a people must be a law of the people, for the people and by the people, not a law of a few, for a few and by a few. A law, to be for the best interests of a people, must, above all things, be enforced. No law which is not or cannot be enforced, no law that is held up to ridicule by the people of this or any other State, can be for the best interests of the people of Vermont.

"A law to be for the best interests of a people must not discriminate. It is a poor law indeed that sends a poor, defenceless woman to the workhouse and allows the wealthy saloon-keeper to walk the streets unmolested. I will say that, as representatives of the Rutland High School, we are here to argue, not, as many suppose, on the side of high license, but on the side of temperance and right. We want a law that will restrict the rum traffic in practice as well as in theory.

"You have heard a great deal about this wonderful law. Suppose I read a few sections of it, and let us see how it is enforced. It is rather dry reading, I will admit. One of our foremost lawyers once said: 'The Vermont prohibitory law is nothing but a lot of nonsense bound in green calf for other green calves to make money out of.'"

Stearns read several sections, and went on to prove that the law was not enforced. He said: "Several months ago we read of a man being brought up for renting his building for liquor-selling purposes. It was proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the building was rented for that purpose, yet the jury failed to convict him. Why? I will tell you. A merchant in high standing in this community said: 'I couldn't vote against that man on social reasons.' What kind of a man is it who puts social above legal reasons? We want a law that can be enforced without making *perjurers* of our citizens. These are facts. I didn't go to Montpelier to get them, either.

"My opponent quotes Governor Fuller as saying he thought the prohibitory law was for the best interests of the

people. Of course he would say so. Do you believe the highest State official would say one of our laws was not for the best interests of the people? This is an age of progression. The world moves; we move. The Prohibitionists must move, whether they wish to or not. Language changes; customs change; the *Bible* has to be revised. Is the prohibitory law so much superior to all these that it must not be changed?

"The engine is coming; clear the track. Its name is Progress. At the throttle stands the young man. Get out of the way. Don't oppose it or you will be run over and be ground to pieces."

Here a banjo duet by Miss Peabody and Hamilton, with Miss Spafford as accompanist, took place, and was so well received by the audience that they were obliged to respond to an *encore*.

The affirmative was then resumed by Congdon, who said: "It is not true that the prohibitory law is a failure in Vermont. Wherever liquor is sold it is behind closed doors. Will high license restrict the sale of liquor? The prohibitory law makes illegal the business, and is less apt to be violated than the license law. My opponent puts nothing in place of the prohibitory law."

He then gave the opinions of influential men from States where the law is enforced and who maintain it is for the general good. After speaking of drink as a destroyer of national prosperity, he said: "It is a wrong principle to bring a law into contempt that has been enacted for the welfare of society, and this is just what men do who are opposed to prohibition. High license would not be any better."

In closing, he said: "We know the prohibitory law does not prohibit, but it is not the fault of the Prohibitionists that it cannot be enforced. It is a benefit to the State."

E. V. N. Harwood, second on the negative, came forward and said, in part: "My opponents have stood here and debated on high license, a thing they have no right to do. There is no provision for such a digression in the question. And their arguments have been against high license and *nothing else*. They thought that the High School would come out for high license, and prepared their arguments with that point in view. They are mistaken. I am sorry for them. They say we have put no law in the place of the prohibitory law. That is not what we are here for. There is no provision for that either in the question.

"My opponents claim there is no liquor sold in this town or State. They claim their statistics in regard to it are correct, but they cannot prove that their figures are a true representation of the amount of liquor sold in Vermont. Why? Because they get their statistics from liquor agents, and nowhere else. They don't know how much liquor is sold contrary to law. This is the way they get their statistics, and they have no hesitancy in saying they represent the total amount of liquor consumed.

"The people send men to the Legislature to make laws, and they have made one that is not respected or obeyed. But since they have enacted them they should see them enforced, and not leave them for a few men to get rich by blackmail and perjury.

"They should look into any law that they make. If they would take one night in looking into this law of theirs, they would see sights that would make them see the fallacy of their doctrines. I have looked into this law since I was asked to take this debate. I should like to tell you all I have seen, but under the technicalities of the law, I am unable to do so. This much I can say, that, standing on one of your principal streets, I looked into a bar-room without leaving the sidewalk, and saw fifty men come up and drink within thirty minutes. In three more I saw the same sight, and was informed there were eight more places within a stone's throw. You ask what kind of men they were? They were men of all classes, from prominent business and professional men to clerks and laborers. Young men, too, were there, drinking, and all under the prohibition laws of Vermont, that soul-saving document that "cuts off the liquor traffic, root and branch." There are thirty places where rum is sold in this town. I can prove it, for the officers occasionally bleed them for fines.

"No law is of benefit when it is not enforced. It has been proven that this law cannot be enforced. They tried last summer; they made one grand attempt; they employed spies and went out upon a crusade, and how has it come out? I do not need to tell you. You know already that it ended in a mob, and the leaders, frightened, dared not proceed. How is this going to affect the young men? Are they going to obey a law, when they are men, that they were taught to wink at in their youth? No man can respect a law that upholds the rich and crushes the poor. The laws are a farce of the lowest order, literally permitting the sale of the liquor they so assiduously prohibit, and all under the name of the Almighty.

"This movement has been before the public forty years. How many States do they hold? Four. At that rate, they will convince the people that corruption is right four hundred years from now, or in 2293 A. D. If it is so very beneficial to Vermont, why don't they introduce it into other States?

"We want a law that will be upheld by public sentiment, a law that will *prohibit* the selling of liquor, and not a law that will allow thirty drunks in this hall at one time, as I saw here last election night, and the officers walking about among them. We want a law that will prohibit, but we do not expect that the *Prohibition* party can make or enforce one. They are too radical. But we do expect that some time in the future a *temperance* party will arise out of the chaos and make a law that will be respected and obeyed."

A violin solo by Charles Phelps was well rendered at this point.

Horton, on the affirmative, then came forward to reply, and was immediately called to order by Stearns, of the negative, for introducing new arguments. He seemed astonished and said: "I did not know that that was in the agreement." The chair then informed him that it was according to parliamentary rules, and he could not use new arguments. Horton then said: "My opponents have torn down the law and have left nothing in its place. They have given me no chance to reply; there is nothing to say.

"The second gentleman on the negative said that he has seen people selling liquor; we have had no occasion to do so ourselves."

Stearns, in replying, said: "It has always been the custom of the High School Debating Club to treat its opponents, no matter where they were from, in a gentlemanly manner. I did not come here to exchange insults, and whatever may be the etiquette of places outside of Rutland, I shall continue to treat my opponents as gentlemen. My

opponent has evaded the question. He says "the law is for the best interests of the people," and then admits it cannot be enforced. All he has debated upon is high license. Hi-hi-hi-license is all we have heard. Then, again, he says the law is enforced. There is one body of people in Rutland who have done more for the cause of temperance than all the Prohibitionists on the face of the earth, and I should think that that noble body of women, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, would put the men to shame. My opponent says we went to the liquor dealers to get our facts. Yes, *we did*, and perhaps *he* went to the *cider* manufacturers to get his."

Louis Smith closed the evening's entertainment by a vocal solo, which was sung with good effect.

THE BANQUET.

At midnight the Bardwell House parlors were thronged with a gay party of banqueters, assembled to do justice to the excellent menu prepared by Landlord Carpenter for the First Annual Banquet of the Rutland High School Debating Club.

At 12:15 the dining room doors were thrown open to the Debating Society with its many friends, while the Alumni, the Board of Education and many members of the R. E. C. I. L. swelled the number to seventy-five.

The tables were decked with high school colors, while crimson and white carnations adorned the board in profusion. The menu was also printed in the emblematic colors of the school.

After discussing the many savory dishes and amply satisfying the inner man, J. B. Stearns, toast master, called the meeting to order, and welcomed the assembly in a witty and appropriate manner. He expressed regret that one who had been most active in arranging the banquet, one upon whom the success largely depended, was unable to be present on account of sickness. He then called upon Prof. Colcord to respond to the toast, "The High School." He said in part: "You ask me to speak for the high school. It has spoken for itself. He spoke of the great progress in the school in the last two years, and of the great boom in high school matters just now. To speak of nothing more than the high school is to speak of a most important institution, and thanks to the Yankee it is taking the lead in education. Not only on these grounds has the school taken high rank, but it takes the first place in New England in moral standing. This moral reform is indeed a thing to be proud of, a step that will bring the school great success. The school is progressing rapidly and will take the foremost place in educational matters in the future. This occasion has proved a success, and I am glad that your friends have so well responded to your invitations, and I sincerely hope that the occasion will be repeated."

Mr. E. L. Temple responded to the toast, "The Alumni." He said: "Boys, I can go back to 1861 when I attended the high school, and the pleasant memories are very precious to me. My memory takes me back to the later forties, when there was only one street and that is the one upon which I now live. The house in which I reside formed one extremity and the old Morse homestead the other. The high school was held at that time in an old brick building, and there were none of the modern conveniences of our school houses of the present day. Instead of furnaces stoves were used, and slate blackboards were a thing unheard of. The examinations were oral at that time, and the system of marking different from that now employed; in fact the primary scholars of to-day would rebel against putting up with the conveniences of that period."

E. V. N. Harwood responded to the toast, "The Debate." After quoting from Chauncey M. Depew on the great advantages of debating, he said in part: "We welcome in the first annual debate between the principal public and private schools of this city, and we hope that they may be continued. Perhaps the discussion was a little radical, but we cannot blame ourselves, as it was proposed by the Institute. Boys, we have established a precedent to-night, and let it be the duty of every undergraduate to see that it is lived up to and improved on in future years."

The toast, "The Banquet," was responded to by H. M. Bates, Jr, who said: "We welcome you to the first banquet of the Debating Society, and we all hope that this is only the opening of a series of annual banquets. I know that you have amply digested the fruitful knowledge derived from the debate, as well as this most excellent supper, or dinner, as we should call a midnight meal. I hope you may profit by the one as you have enjoyed the other. May the occasion be often repeated."

T. L. Drury ably responded to the toast, "The Press." He said in part: "I am glad to be present with the members of the High School to-night, and it gives me great pleasure as a representative of the public press to know that Rutland can boast of such a society as the High School Debating Club.

The press supports the public institutions and is a factor in public and not in private life. It is the aim to support the public and not the private schools. In a way the press is a public and not a private concern, entering into all phases of public life, and I am happy to say can enter into such proceedings as these. I do not mean by this that the press does not coincide with private institutions, but that its first aim is for the public.

I am a high school graduate myself, and can appreciate your great success this evening. I have no ill feeling towards the private school you so thoroughly out-did, but I was glad to see the product of a public institution wax the product of a private institution to-night."

Mr. Keyes responded to the toast, "The Notes." He gave a review of the work done in this important branch of high school work. He said the paper was started in 1889, and had steadily improved ever since. This year the size was doubled and the paper was issued monthly instead of bi-weekly as heretofore. The many humorous stories brought out in a very original manner were well calculated to hit the mark, and received the applause they merited.

Mr. Gilman responded to the toast, "The Athletic Association." He gave a review of the forming of the club, and said its history was noted more for inactivity than anything else. This could be accounted for, however, he said, by the fact that the club was organized late in the fall and had had no time for active work. He also spoke of the field day that it is proposed to have next spring.

Mr. Harwood Eggleston, '92, responded to the toast, "The Class of 92." He spoke of the good old times in school, and said that though he had called them "old times," it seemed as

though they had come and gone but yesterday, so pleasant were the memories. He also told in a humorous and heart-rending manner how the four boys had to walk several miles around town to get the twenty young ladies safely home after class sociables.

The toast, "Fac Totum Bene," was ably responded to by J. Earle Clauson, '92. He explained the motto of the class, and depicted in an interesting manner, worthy of the class of '92, the grievous trials that said class had undergone in selecting their motto. He said that though the motto was more for ornament than anything else, he was sure it was a help to the class in a moral way. He closed by suggesting that the toast-master respond to the toast, "The Ladies."

Mr. Stearns responded in a characteristic speech, and referred to the ladies in a most gallant manner. He said he was sorry that it was not customary for young ladies to be present at such gatherings, and expressed the hope that the club might extend to them some appropriate invitation some time in the near future.

The party broke up at an early hour after giving the now well nigh famous Hobble, Gobble of the R. H. S.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

The R. H. S. D. C. held a meeting, Jan. 9, for the purpose of electing new officers.

The following officers were elected: President, H. F. McDonough, '93; vice-president, W. B. Dunton, '94; secretary and treasurer, C. A. Mathews, '95.

An amendment was added to the constitution to the effect that in all the debates which are to occur in the future a critic should be appointed to criticise the work done at that debate. The next regular meeting of the club occurs Jan. 20.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 7, the Shakespeare Club met with Mr. Davis, to read The Comedy of Errors. After the reading of the play a short business meeting was held. It was voted to have a secretary and treasurer for the club. Miss Dunton was elected secretary and Miss Metzger, treasurer. It was also voted to ask all the seniors who do not study English Literature to join the club, which then adjourned, after having had a very pleasant time. On Jan. 14 a meeting was held at the home of Mr. Harwood. Two Gentlemen of Verona was read. The stage directions were as far as possible carried out, and the evening was pleasantly spent.

On January 21, the club met with Miss Fisher. The play selected for reading was Much Ado About Nothing. The parts were very well taken, the stage directions were well carried out and the meeting was in every way successful.

Literary.

THE UTILITY OF KNOWLEDGE.

The present is a practical age, but among the ancients it was considered beneath a philosopher to make a practical application of his theories. His sphere was to gather the tenets of nature and deduce from them the abstract principles of which the ancients were so fond. Archimedes considered it necessary to apologize for using his knowledge to defeat his country's enemies. Thus it was in all branches of knowledge; the wise men shut themselves up with their thoughts

and the world plodded on as though they had never been born. But an awakening came. New thoughts and ideas seized upon mankind; things were seen in a new light, and it was realized that other forces existed than the bodily strength of man.

But material prosperity is not the highest aim of man's ambition. Bacon strikes the key-note when he divides his philosophy into utility and progress; utility to satisfy the body, progress to satisfy the soul.

The mastery of the elements has been accomplished by man's search into the secrets of nature. Let, then, man's ambition be to satisfy his highest nature; let him endow himself with his eternal attributes, for principles will stand when inventions have lost their utility, and ideas will live, because they are written with God's hand upon the universe.

Let truth be sought for truth's sake, and knowledge for the sake of knowledge.

HAWTHORNE IN THE OLD MANSE.

The school had closed and the vacation for rest and recreation had commenced. A few of the schoolmates planned to take a carriage drive to Concord, Mass., to visit the "Old Manse," formerly occupied by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

On June 25th, a party of seven, including the driver, started from Rutland, well equipped with everything necessary for a long journey. We stopped at all interesting places on our route, arriving at Concord, Mass., July 3. After refreshing ourselves from our long journey, we started for the "Old Manse," which is situated a little out from the city. The first thing we saw of the homestead was two tall gate-posts of rough hewn stone, between which the grey front of the "Old Manse" might be seen. It had rained before we arrived at Concord, so the unpainted shingles were black with moisture and the moss upon the house looked green and fresh. The whole land surface had a water-soaked appearance. As this made it very unpleasant, we visited the interior of the house first. I will only describe the rooms that seemed most interesting to the party. In the rear of the house was a delightful place of study, where Emerson wrote "Nature," for he was then an inhabitant of the Manse.

A cheerful coat of paint and golden tinted paper hangings lighted up the small apartment, and a willow tree cast its shadows into the room.

On the walls was the lovely head of Raphael's Madonna and two little pictures of the Lake of Como. A few books stood in order about the room, which were seldom disturbed. This beautiful study had three windows, set with small, old-fashioned panes of glass, each with a crack across it.

From the two windows on the western side you could look down into the orchard and catch a glimpse of the river through the trees. The third window faced north, commanding a broader view of the river at a spot that gleams forth into the light of history. It was at this window that the clergyman (who first dwelt in this house) stood watching the outbreak of a long struggle between two nations. Next we visited the garret. Anyone ought to be happy to have the pleasure of visiting a huge garret, stored like that of the Manse, with lumber that each generation had left behind, from a period before the revolution. It was a hall dimly lighted through small, dusty windows, and the rude masonry of the chimneys made

the room look crude and uncivilized. On one side was a little whitewashed apartment which bore the title of Saints' Chamber, because holy men in their youth slept, studied and prayed there.

The wall was covered with names of former visitors, consequently we added ours to the list.

The sun having dried the ground we took a stroll around the premises and went to the river, on both sides of which was a broad expanse of level ground. Near the wall which separated the two tracts of land were two stones, which stood at the head of the graves of two British soldiers, Zachariah Brown and Thomas Davis. There seemed to be a wilder interest in a tract of land—one hundred yards in breadth—between the battlefield and the house. Here, in some unknown age before the white man came, stood an Indian village. "The site is identified by the spear, arrow heads, chisels and other implements of war, which the plough turns up from the soil." Here we found many relics to bring home. There are many more interesting features about the "Old Manse" and its surroundings that I have not time to mention. We returned home in time to commence another year's work of study, well paid for our trip to the "Old Manse." K. H.

The following interesting statement is clipped from an exceedingly good article on "Ancestry" in the *Cue:* "A statement has been made that, as a man has two parents, four grandparents, eight great grandparents, sixteen great-great-grand parents, etc.; and if thirty years are allowed for each generation, and if the series is carried on to the time of the Norman conquest, it will be found that each one of us must have had no less than thirty-two millions of ancestors."

Notes.

"More purer."

"Our friends the enemy."

What made the curtain flap so?

Where are those class sociables?

Miss Frankie Thomas, '94, has left school.

Harwood, '93, has returned to school after his long absence.

The seniors are all wearing their class colors—green and gold.

The classical division of the algebra class now recites in the large room.

About twenty members of the class of '94 are studying American Literature.

Lawrence, '94, who left school last term on account of illness, has returned.

Pupil—"I don't understand about Margaret. Whose sister and brother was she?"

Misses Anna and Fannie Wheeler, '94, spent last week with relatives in New York state.

Teacher—"Please make corrections on this sentence, Mr.——" Pupil—"My brother comes first."

Miss Agnes Meldon, '95, who left school last term, has decided not to return, as she at first intended.

Will Tuttle, formerly of the class of '93, has returned to school and is now studying with his former class.

Guy R. Vail has returned to school after an absence of nearly a year. He is now a member of the class of '95.

The two oldest sons of the late Mr. Sanford, of New York city, are attending school at the R. H. S. this year.

Miss K. (in physics class)—"What does the upper part of a thermometer consist of?" Bright Youth—"A hole."

In the near future it is the intention of the editors of THE NOTES to get up an entertainment for the benefit of their paper.

Miss Ruth Norton, '94, was unable to attend school during the first week of the term on account of a very serious accident.

Miss May Sawyer, formerly '93, has been home for some time on account of illness. She expects to return to the V. A. next week.

The English Literature class have finished studying the poets of the Elizabethan era, and are now reviewing their work.

Miss Spaulding, '95, who has been out of school on account of her father's death, has returned. We extend to her our sincere sympathy.

Miss Hattie Winship, '94, has left school and taken a position as clerk in the crockery store of VanDorn & Tilson. Her class is very sorry to lose her.

Mr. Ellsworth, our last year's professor, spent Christmas at his home in Whiting, Vt. We wish he could have stayed longer and made another call on the H. S.

The three young men of the C class, who cleaned up the laboratory last week, did their work so well that there is talk of appointing them as assistants to the janitor.

The Homer class, which last term held its sessions after four o'clock, now, much to the delight of its two members and possibly of the teacher, recites during school hours.

The Physical Geography classes have finished their work in that study, and have begun Modern History. The Arithmetic class has begun Higher Algebra, and the Chemistry class American Literature.

The seats of the scholars were all changed last week. Some of the pupils are delighted with theirs and some are not; but all have resolved to behave well during this term, and so get back seats, and all will undoubtedly do so.

The committee which was appointed to decorate the City Hall for the debate must have found the work very arduous. Although there were many of them, it took them all day Tuesday to do their work; nevertheless they richly deserve the credit which was given to them.

The rhetorical work for the term has been arranged, and is somewhat different from that of last term. The seniors are all in two divisions. Each one is to write an essay, learn it and deliver it sometime during the last two weeks of the term, as a preparation for the work of next term.

The members of the Latin Beginners' class are happy. They no longer have to recite in the large school, where, as one of them said, "We are so frightened that we can't recite," but have the laboratory all to themselves. We miss you very much, children, but we hope to see you all again next year.

We are glad to see that a few of our number are making grand strides towards improving the future condition of the world. We have a rising "sun" in our midst who promises to give light to our descendants on the subject of history. We are glad to have discovered an amateur historian in our school.

Another shining light now adorns our walls. The motto of the senior class—"Ex vita scholæ in scholam vitæ"—was painted on the west wall of the school room during the Christmas vacation. Half of each letter is green and half gold, and the date is

entirely green. It is considered to be one of the prettiest mottoes on the walls.

As to the Matter in Speaking, Sec. II., 211. Another rule in speaking is, that no member is at liberty to digress from the matter of the question, to fall upon the person of another, and to speak reviling, nipping or unmannerly words of or to him. The nature or consequences of a measure may be reprobated in strong terms; but to arraign the motives of those who advocate it is a personality and against order.—Cushing's Manual.

Alumni Notes.

Mr. Fred Bailey, a member of the class of '89, died at his home on Williams street, Dec. 19, 1892. He had been ill for over two years. About a year ago he went to Michigan for his health, and afterwards to the Adirondacks, but neither place seemed to benefit him much. Mr. Bailey was a very fine student. He intended to go to college in 1890, but his illness prevented this. His death caused great sorrow, not only to his family, but also to a large circle of his friends, among whom he was a great favorite.

Miss Myra Wynn, '92, who has been teaching school in North Shrewsbury, has returned home. Her school is closed for the winter.

Exchanges.

The *High School Times* contains an article entitled "King Capital."

An interesting article on the Nicaragua Canal with illustrations, appears in the *High School Life* for December.

More editorials and an exchange column would greatly improve the *Review* of the Washington City High School.

The *University Cynic* contains an interesting account of the life of Daniel Thompson, author of Green Mountain Boys, etc.

The *Stylus* devotes one page to editorials and two to exchanges. It is our opinion that two pages of editorials and one of exchanges would improve the paper.

We have received four new Vermont exchanges, two of which are published monthly and two once a term. They are as follows: The *Progress*, of Vergennes High School; the *Goddard Record*, of Goddard Seminary, Barre; the *T. C. A. Chronicle*, Poultney; and the *High School Clippings*, of Brattleboro High School. It is very gratifying to observe the interest taken by Vermont schools in amateur journalism, and we hope that success will crown the efforts of all who have started a school paper.

The following is clipped from an article on "How to Read," in the *Normalia*, and seems like excellent advice if one only has the courage to carry it out. "When a boy I began to read very earnestly, but at the foot of every page I read, I stopped and obliged myself to give an account of what I had read on that page. At first I had to read it three or four times before I got my mind firmly fixed; but I compelled myself to comply with the plan, until now, after I have read a book through once, I can almost recite it from beginning to end. It is a very simple habit to form in early life, and is invaluable as a means of making our reading serve the best purpose."—Lord Macaulay.

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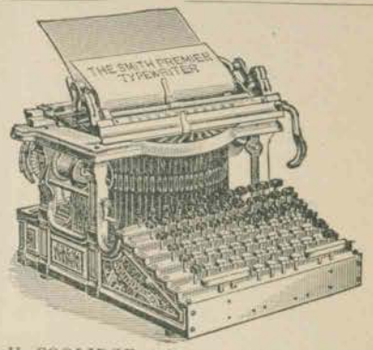

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THIS is an age of progression and advancement. Everywhere we see prosperity. Our school is in a very flourishing condition in many respects, while in others it is sadly deficient. What we need is an addition to our library. The school is full of pupils, most of whom are very willing to apply themselves earnestly to whatever task their teachers may place before them, but, in spite of their apparent willingness, they are sometimes obliged to prepare their lessons under very trying circumstances. There are over one hundred pupils in the school, one-third of whom study either Latin or Greek. How is it possible for these to be well posted on the lesson when there is but one classical dictionary? There is also much to be said regarding the encyclopedias and histories. The former are entirely out of date, the latter wanting. In order to study to the best advantage we should have a complete set of the *latest* encyclopedias and standard histories of the world. Perhaps our readers will think we are always asking for something and that the public library is good enough. But please remember that there are only a certain number of hours in a day, most of which are spent in school. These much-needed books cannot be secured for nothing, and it will probably greatly depend upon the pupils to raise the finances. Alone by ourselves we can expect to accomplish but little, yet we can give our earnest support and assistance to any one who feels enough interest to push forward the matter.

IN the present issue of THE NOTES our readers will notice a column headed "Clippings," all of which are taken from our contemporaries. If the pupils showed an active regard for the paper, and tried to make it more what it should be, a lively, interesting little sheet, instead of a dry matter-of-fact monthly, a department would be devoted for the publication of original productions. It is the aim of the editors to make the paper as bright and suggestive of the school as possible.

We leave it for you to judge how they have performed their mission. It is with no boastful feeling to ourselves when we say that, with but few exceptions, the paper has been published entirely by the editors. Every pupil should not only heed the invitation, but consider it a duty to assist in the publication of their paper.

THE young men of Yale are agitating the question of abolishing compulsory attendance at morning prayers. They even want Sunday church attendance made optional.

"ALL is fair in love and war," runs the old adage, and it may be truthfully applied to modern politics. Less than one month from now Grover Cleveland will take his seat in the presidential chair, and in a short time thousands of government officers will be obliged to vacate their comfortably salaried offices in favor of the party they deposed four years ago. But with government clerks, employed under the present civil service laws, it is entirely different. They will retain their positions without fear or favor, irrespective of party or platform, and only removed by reason of neglect or inefficiency in judicial capacity. And in case of removal their places will be filled, not by individuals who have a "pull" upon the "powers that be," but by persons whose competency has been thoroughly tested by rigid examination. It was only a few years ago that these clerks were unceremoniously dismissed upon the advent of a new party, as goverment officers are to-day, and the party attaining power deemed it a duty to apologize for leaving in office a few backwoods postmasters, successors to whom were unattainable. The civil service reform that applies to clerks should apply to officers also, and undoubtedly will in the near future, when people open their eyes more fully to the corruption attending office seeking; and they will demand the reform as a right when they realize that there is no rational reason against its use.

THE trouble caused by the revolution in Hawaii is constantly increasing, and the inhabitants of the islands have asked for annexation to the United States. The embarrassment of our government in relation to the affair has grown greatly out of the limitations of the Constitution, which takes no account of additions to our territory. As the matter now stands, there seems to be no difficulty in obtaining possession of the islands, but how to govern them when once obtained is a question of perplexity to our government. With the control of these islands in the central Pacific, the United States will exalt herself, and thus detract from the importance of other leading nations of the world. Great Britain, perhaps, is the only country that would be moved to raise any contention on this subject. For centuries she has had experience in building up the power of foreign nations, while the United States, on the other hand, has not cared to burden herself with a foreign people who could not thoroughly understand our institutions and political ideas. One author says that foreign commerce is the crown to national greatness. To have this we must not only exchange goods with foreign nations, but should also increase our naval powers in all parts of the world. Confined, as our vessels have been, mostly to our own coast trade, the government has seen fit to maintain but few specially armed

ships. However the time has now come for action. While we have been quietly settled in the pursuits of peace, England has been possessing herself of territory all over the globe and establishing her arsenals in every water. With the possession of Hawaii, we would virtually have control of the Pacific and the waters around the Cape; consequently firmly establishing our navy in those parts of the sea. The question of so much importance both to the Hawaiians and our government requires promptness, decision and the rallying support of the country.

FORWARD AND ONWARD.

THIS will prove to be a memorable year in the history of the Rutland High School. Never before in the entire history of the school was there such a need of a larger building, larger rooms and extra teachers. The school seems to have taken a sudden start this year. All the classes are full to overflowing, the rooms are crowded and the teachers find it almost impossible to give the time that they desire to each class. Rutland is, or will be very soon, the principal city of Vermont. She is already far ahead of any city in the State, concerning nearly all improvements, but her school buildings, at least her high school building, is not large enough to accommodate the young people of Rutland. Money invested in school houses is not money wasted. Sums invested in educating the coming men and women is a better investment than any Wall street broker can offer.

What is the cause of the sudden swelling of the ranks of the High School? There are many reasons. We have an institution supported by the people and not by subscription, which is superior to any school in the State, private or public. Its standing and moral character is above reproach. Not merely students, but young gentlemen are sent forth. Indeed, the "*timber*" is not merely "*hewn*" but finished. For what is a school but a large finishing shop where the finer qualities and traits of the mind are brought out. It only needs the presence of gentlemanly and ladylike teachers to put a "polish" on a young man that does not suffer or become dull by contact with barbarians.

We need a new High School building, larger rooms, more teachers, a gymnasium; but as to scholars there are plenty of them. It is not necessary to seek them, for the High School has been too long established to need an advertisement or recommendation from anyone. *It speaks for itself.*

J. B. S.

Locals.

THE MINERVANS.

The regular meeting of the Minervans, held Friday, Feb. 10, opened with the roll-call, after which the report of the last meeting was read and accepted. Miss Spafford was appointed critic for the next meeting. The debate then opened on the question, Resolved: "That ambition has done more harm than good to the people of the world." The affirmative was supported by Miss Fisher and Miss Woodfin, the negative by Miss Canty and Miss Page. The debate was very interesting throughout. Miss Fisher, principal on the affirmative, spoke of the unhappiness of ambitious men and also of the opportunity given to speak maliciously of them. She cited the Irish people in reference to the harm done by English ambition. She told

of the great harm Napoleon did on account of his ambition, and mentioned Jay Gould and the way he cheated to gain the wealth which his ambition desired. Miss Canty then had the floor and contradicted many of her opponent's statements. She then spoke of the unambitious man and how he moves along—barely managing to live. It was her opinion that if men were more ambitious there would be less paupers. "Milton's Paradise Lost," she said, "was produced by sheer ambition. It was George Washington's ambition that did so much for his country."

Miss Woodlin for the affirmative spoke of the wrong done by England, on account of her ambition, and also said that the civil war was in a measure begun by the ambitious slaveholders. Miss Page then pictured what would probably be the condition of our homes if our forefathers had been unambitious. She told of Phillips Brooks' ambition to overcome his difficulty in speaking distinctly and all the good that came from his life.

The judges, Misses Dunton, Higgins, Butler, Gilson and Norton, decided three to two in favor of the negative. After the debate the semi-annual election of officers took place.

The following officers were elected for the remainder of the school year: President, Miss Dunton; Vice-President, Miss Norton; Secretary, Miss Toohey. The club then adjourned.

DEBATING CLUB.

A meeting of the Debating Club for the purpose of having more practice with parliamentary rules than is obtained at its ordinary meetings, was held on Thursday night, Feb. 9.

The president being absent the vice president took the chair. The rules were suspended and motions and amendments were made. The vice-president occupied the chair until he made a mistake in ruling, when Stearns took his place. In like manner Harwood, Prof. Colcord, Stickney and Lawrence occupied and vacated it.

The boys had rather an exciting time, there being at times five or six questions before the club which the one occupying the chair had to keep track of and put in their parliamentary order.

The meeting adjourned at nine o'clock, after having spent a pleasant evening. There were none present who did not gain some benefit from the meeting, and all expressed their wish that they be continued.

The regular meeting of the Debating Club was held in the laboratory Friday P. M., Feb. 10.

As it was 12:30 when the meeting came to order, the members were in rather a hurry to go home to dinner, so the secretary's report was omitted and no business was brought before the club.

The subject of the debate was, Resolved, "That places of amusement, such as theatres and circuses, are a benefit to the people." The debaters were Barker and Haynes on the affirmative and Fisher and Vail on the negative. The president appointed Stearns in the place of Vail, who failed to put in an appearance.

The debating was fairly good, but as usual Stearns' arguments were the best and delivered with the most force, although he had had no time to prepare them. All of the debaters except Stearns showed the effects of a long session, and Fisher especially, when he had his second make the closing argument. The judges brought in a decision of three to two in favor of the negative. While the judges were out Prof. Colcord made a few remarks on the subject.

THE '93 SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The club organized by the members of the English Literature class to read Shakespeare's plays has at last found a name for itself, and will henceforth be known as the '93 Shakespeare Club. Since the last issue of THE NOTES it has had four meetings, held respectively at the homes of Misses Franklin, Dunton, Kelley and Mr. Goulding. The plays which have been read are Twelfth Night, Pericles, Romeo and Juliet, and Love's Labor Lost.

The club intends soon to give the Taming of the Shrew, and to invite a few of their friends to meet with them.

Literary.

HISTORIC SPOTS ABOUT BOSTON.

During the summers of 1890 and of 1892, it was my pleasure to visit many of the historical spots about Boston, which not only interest the inhabitants of Boston alone, but of all New England, since Boston has been the cradle from which all New England has sprung.

Among the places of most interest visited was the old Faneuil Hall, the *cradle of American Liberty*, presented to Boston by Peter Faneuil, a wealthy merchant, in 1742, as a market and public hall. Here the foremost orators of the country have been heard, and it was here that the spirited addresses were delivered against the crown from 1765 to 1775, and which aroused the people to the successful revolution which followed.

The lower part of the building is used as a market, while the upper part contains the old hall, whose walls, surrounded by a balcony, are hung with famous portraits of Washington, Peter Faneuil, Webster and others.

Near by is the old State House, built in 1713, and used for many years by the old Provincial council, afterward for an exchange, a postoffice, an engine house, barracks for British troops and a capitol, in which the State legislature met for fifteen years. According to John Adams, "Independence was born here," and it was here that Generals Howe, Clinton and Gage held a council of war before the battle of Bunker Hill, and a year later the Declaration of Independence was read from the balcony to the crowds of rejoicing soldiers and people below.

In this place the Constitution of Massachusetts was drawn up, and Washington reviewed the militia from its balcony. The building is noted for its quaint architectural peculiarities, having gilded figures of the lion and unicorn, symbolic of the British power, on its outside walls, and an oddly constructed steeple which, however, has been partly removed in late years.

The old legislative halls are now occupied by valuable collections of ancient relics, among the most interesting of which is Benjamin Franklin's printing press. Advancing up Washington street we come to the Old South church, a plain brick building painted in a light color, with a tall spire and the belfry surrounded by a gallery. This church, which is an old historical landmark, is now abandoned as a place of worship and is used for a historical museum of rare old colonial antiquities.

The first church erected on this site was by the Congregational society in

1669, which was replaced in 1729 by the present structure.

Within its walls Benjamin Franklin was baptized; Whitefield preached; Warren and other patriotic speakers stirred up the people against British oppression; the "tea party" was also organized here. In 1775 the British soldiers used the church for a riding school.

Much could be said about this interesting structure, but we must hasten on.

Crossing over to Tremont street we come to King's Chapel, the first Episcopal church in New England. The first church erected was in 1689, and the present structure was built in 1754. In the adjoining cemetery, two hundred and thirty years old, are buried John Winthrop, the first governor of Massachusetts, and other colonial governors and many noted personages, while a short walk takes us to the Old Granary burying-ground where are buried nine governors of Massachusetts, two signers of the Declaration of Independence, six famous divines, the victims of the Boston Massacre, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil, Paul Revere, the parents of Benjamin Franklin, and many other notable persons.

The headstones are of a brownish color, which time has decorated with moss. It certainly seems very queer to see a cemetery two hundred and thirty years old, in the heart of a densely populated city.

The bustle and excitement outside the cemetery compared with the still and quiet within, presents a marked contrast and leads one to think of the old saying, that "Men may come and men may go, but the world moves on forever."

We will now visit the most ancient part of the city, the North End, which in olden times was the aristocratic portion of the town, but is now populated by the foreign element.

Proceeding up old Salem street, which is in the Jewish quarter, and one would know this without being told, judging from the quantities of second-hand clothing displayed upon the outside of the buildings and the numerous Hebrew signs, we pass one of the oldest houses in the city, erected in 1660.

Farther up the street we come to Christ church, or the "Old North" church, as it is often called. This is the oldest church in the city. It was erected in 1723 by the Episcopalians and contains a chime of eight bells, the oldest in America, cast in England and imported to America in 1724, which it was my pleasure to hear, being in church at noon, July 4th, when the bells of the city are always rung. The bible, prayer-books and silver service used in the church were presented by George II. in 1733. In the vaults below was buried the valiant Major Pitcairn, who distinguished himself at the battle of Bunker Hill. The tower above accurately represents the one blown down in 1804, from which was hung the lantern which notified Paul Revere of the coming of the British. The first Sunday school in New England, and the first known to exist in America, was established in connection with this church in 1815. As we stand near the church we cannot help but think of the changes which time has wrought in this section of the city. The crowds of foreign bred people which pour themselves into the street on Sunday have taken the places of the gentry on their way to church; the black-eyed Jewesses in the windows have taken the places of the pretty colonial dames; the Christian church has given way to the Jewish tabernacle near by, whose members exceed in numbers those of the "Old North."

Everything is changed except the old houses and the same blue sky overhead. It was my good fortune to have a chance to visit the Jewish tabernacle, which is a large brick building, painted brown, and beautifully finished inside in mahogany, while the ceiling is handsomely decorated.

Close by the "Old North," rising about twenty feet above the surrounding streets, is Copp's Hill burying ground, the second burial place in the city (Kings Chapel being the first). The first interments were made in 1660. The headstones are very quaint, some of them having representations of the "skull and cross-bones," the "scythe of time," weeping willows, the hour-glass and the "Angel of Death," devised to impress upon the mind of the observer the transitory nature of this mortal life. Coats of arms are engraved upon others, while all the inscriptions are in "old style" English. The oldest stone is dated 1661, while the cemetery contains a stone dated 1625, which is sacred to the memory of one whose remains were transferred from Plymouth in 1759.

The last mentioned stone is supposed to be the oldest in New England.

The cemetery contains the resting place of the noted Puritan minister, Cotton Mather.

Some of the stones were used as targets by the British soldiers during the Revolution, and the marks which the bullets made may be seen to-day. Over one grave the famous Napoleon willow, grown from a slip from the tree over Napoleon's grave at St. Helena, spreads its branches.

The lead of the Indian's bullet which killed one brave captain in the colonial army, was melted and run into a slit in the stone which marks his grave, as a curious reminder of his ill fate, and is pointed out to visitors of to-day.

On one stone may be seen the following epitaph:

"Stop here, my friend, and cast an eye,
As you are now, so once was I;
As I am now, so you must be—
Prepare for death and follow me."

A saucy boy has added these lines in chalk:

"To follow you I'm not content,
Unless I know which way you went."

Leaving the cemetery and passing down Hull street we pass the *Galloupe House*, the headquarters of Gen. Gage during the battle of Bunker Hill, while other houses in the vicinity were occupied by the British soldiers, and a battery was located in the cemetery. We return to the hotel feeling well paid for our visit to the "North End" of Boston.

A. H. K.

ONLY A NEWSBOY.

The stars twinkled and the silvery moon shed her milky light softly down upon the whitened earth, while the glittering snow smiled back its greeting to the silent canopy above. The eager, searching air, disturbed by piercing gusts of wind, went scudding by, whisking up the snow in little eddies, as if in play, and in the wild ecstacies of its morbid sport, heaped them up in windrows and in drifts.

A solitary figure wended his way hurriedly along the deserted street, now dodging into the lee of some building to avoid the cutting blast, then vainly buffeting with the flying snow as it whirled in gusts and eddies by him, cutting mercilessly through the neat but

thread-bare clothing that surrounded his shivering form, even threatening to blow away the little, diminutive figure, so frail and emaciated it seemed. It was only young "Jim, the newsboy," as his companions called him, but the greater part of his thirteen years of life, spent in supporting his aged grandmother, had given to the pinched and careworn face an old, experienced look, which despite the bleakness of the night, wore the faint suggestion of a smile, for he had done well to-day and anticipated the happy look and smile that he knew would appear on "Grannie's" face when he should proudly put into her hand his earnings. Poor old "Grannie," who scrimped and saved for Jim, though he tried not to have her and worked the harder in consequence; who always had a cheery smile and encouraging word for him when he came home from his day's work tired and exhausted, and who often served him up a bit of steak at the sacrifice of her own dinner, though Jim did not know it, for "Jim's growin' and must have nourishin' food."

The very thought of "Grannie's" smile made him hurry the faster towards the little garret in the suburbs, he so loved to call his home. On he sped, scarce noting the few belated pedestrians and cabs that were obliged to brave the weather from bare necessity. On past the postoffice, with its great majestic pillars standing out in bold relief; past the Independence building with its colossal statue of liberty towering toward the sky; up the long avenues whose stately mansions shed their ruddy light far out into the gloom to cheer the weary and belated wayfarer as he hurried home, and out into the suburbs where the moon replaced the glaring street lights of the city. He hurried on, scarce looking to the right or left as he battled with the biting wind and fiercer cold. He was nearly home, only a few blocks more and "Grannie's" smile and cheering face would repay him a thousand fold for all his labor. With a sigh of relief he flung himself into the long covered bridge that crossed the raging falls of Mad river, and paused in the kindly shelter to regain his breath. Below him roared the falls, their icy breath even now wrapped him in its cold embrace, and the ceaseless booming reached his very soul and made him shudder. Hark! what was that? Amid the roaring noise made by the rushing water was a sharper sound that penetrated through the heavier sounds with muffled meaning. It was unmistakable; that groaning, crushing sound of breaking ice was accompanied by the trembling and swaying of the bridge. With an exclamation of alarm he sprang to the side and peering through the cracks, looked down. The sight that met his eyes would have terrified the strongest man, yet his slight frame simply quivered, then he gazed with glassy stare upon the wild tumult below. The roaring falls had heaped up its great blocks of ice against the center arch till the great stone masonry, unable to bear the intense strain, was giving way. Again the structure quivered more violently than at first, and threatened to go down each moment; yet there he stood gazing with the same strange fixedness into the depths below. Suddenly he raised his eyes and let them wander up the hill, at the foot of which he stood, till they became riveted on a speck of light standing stationary at the top. As he gazed it began to move, slowly at first, then faster and faster till it descended toward the swaying bridge with fearful rapidity. The groaning and crashing increased and the center began to sink below the level of the flooring, threatening every second to go crashing into the falls below. Jim moved. The stony stare had left his face as suddenly as it had come; his frame trembled slightly and he clenched his hands more firmly together as he nerved himself for the trial, but no other sign of mental struggle was noticeable about him. A vision crossed his mind of "Grannie's" cheery welcome, and he hesitated for one short second, then darted through the falling bridge with lightning-like rapidity. The flooring creaked and groaned, the very earth seemed opening beneath him, and as he reached the other side a deafening roar told him that the great center arch had given away, and he sped up the hill with a great, burning determination in his soul.

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The clock struck eight and Bob Raymond tossed his book impatiently aside, and, yawning, rose and went to the window and looked out. "A pretty cold night for coasting," he muttered, as his keen eyes searched the road for the expected party. "But who ever heard of Langdon's staying home on that account?" and he smiled a pleasant smile as he thought of his own boyish life before he entered college. As he spoke, the merry party came up the road dragging a pair of handsome bobs," whose large bulls-eye reflected fantastic shadows upon the sparkling snow. Bob hurried on his furs and was soon taking his share of the drag on the long ropes made for that purpose. They were a merry party of young men and women, most of them home from school or college on their Christmas vacation, and their gay laughter rang out upon the crisp night air as they journeyed on towards the long hill so renowned for coasting. The road ran to the bottom in a steep incline with scarcely a dip, and then through the long covered bridge and out upon the level stretch beyond. There were usually many coasters upon the hill, but to-night it was deserted. The few who had ventured out had soon been forced in by the prying wind, and so the merry party had the long course to themselves.

"All ready!" called Langdon, as he braced himself against the foot-rest and took a last turn of the steering ropes around his hands. The bobs started, creaking and groaning under their human weight, and the big headlight swung into track, illuminating the "creases" till they looked like slender bars of steel, stretching far away in the gloom. The gong struck, and amid much cheering they got under way. Soon the speed began to increase with that subtle motion so difficult to detect, till trees and stumps shot by with blinding rapidity; faster and faster they flew; the bobs rocked and swayed; the smoke from the lantern blew back into their nostrils and the incessant ringing of the gong added excitement to the scene. As the sleds neared the bottom they attained a frightful velocity, the men had ceased to shout and the entire party was strangely still, while the silence of the gong made the roaring of the sleds sound all the louder.

Suddenly there flashed into the light the figure of a child, standing in the very center of the track, a few rods from the bridge, frantically waving its arms as if in warning. There was an exclamation from Langdon, and a grinding, crunching sound as the powerful brakes bit into the icy track. The bobs trembled and shook under the

strain, but so great was the momentum that they seemed not to feel their force, and sped on towards the figure and the bridge with scarce diminished speed. Would she stop? One! two! three! the rods flew by like seconds, and still there stood the little figure vainly waving its arms in mute appeal and never once moving from its position in the center of the track. The bobs were upon him, only four rods from the bridge, and still going at terrific speed, when suddenly he stepped aside and the horrified coasters saw him bend and catch the steering rope and with one last effort jerk the sleds from out the tracks and send them crashing into the big snow bank close to the chasm's brink.

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One by one they got upon their feet, uninjured, and gazed in horror at the scene before them. Then Raymond said in an unnatural voice, "where is he?" They took him out from underneath the cruel runners and tenderly carried the little mangled form into the light and looked upon his blood-stained face so thin and pinched. All were too awed to speak. Great drops of moisture stood upon his marble brow and trickled down his face like tears. They gathered round him, too dazed even to think, as he lay in Bob's strong arms. They looked upon him with the blood streaming from his torn and mangled side and could not move. Suddenly he opened his great blue eyes and looked with an expression of pain upon the strange faces around him. His lips moved and he murmured, "Oh, Grannie, Grannie! Who will take care of Grannie now?" and a sob heaved the little breast while great tears stole softly down his pallid cheeks. "Grandma 'ill never want," said a husky voice at his side, and a sob shook the frame of the big Harvard athlete. A smile played about the wan features and a deep sigh escaped from the lips of little Jim.

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The wind sobbed in the leafless tops of the trees. The moon came out from behind a fleeting cloud and smiled upon him the smile he so loved to see upon the patient face of "Grannie," and the silent stars twinkled softly as the cruel wind that so often numbed the frail form of little Jim, tenderly lifted the brave soul and bore it upward to its Maker.

E. H.

A DAY IN A VERMONT SUGAR CAMP.

How many of you, readers, have ever visited a sugar camp during the busy season? If not, you should do so at your very earliest opportunity, for there is a great fascination in the bare and leafless woods, the sugar house, with great vats of sap, and pans and kettles, which you know contain the delicious syrup, and *especially* in the snow, with little puddles of water into which you plunge at every step.

One day in the early spring, the same idea seized a whole party of us at the same time, and the result was that we decided to visit the sugar woods and become familiar with its mysteries. Starting on our way, we plunged through the woods and came upon those who were playing a part in a busy scene. In fact it was *very* busy. An ox team had been used to convey sap from the trees to the sugar house; the oxen had become frightened and were rushing about, each trying to run in a different direction. The sled was bumping over stumps and hillocks, the driver was shouting, and we began to think if this was a sample of life in a sugar camp that we would leave. But soon the oxen were quieted, and, reassured, we stepped forward, to gain so much information that before we came away we considered ourselves fully competent to carry on almost any sugar camp, with the exception of driving team. Once or twice during the day a low sled, bearing two barrels, was driven around among the trees, and the sap from the buckets emptied into the barrels. This was taken to the sugar house and put in large vats. The kettles and pans contained syrup and molasses in different stages of formation, and *one* kettle contained a substance which we kept an eye on, till we were informed it was about time to "sugar off."

In the meantime, I hope I shall not disgust my gentle readers by relating a little scene which occurred. I thought I would try some sap, and, taking a dipper, fished out two spiders and a fly from the depths along with the sap. After thinking the matter over, I decided that a drink of sap was not necessary to my happiness, but that the sugar looked too tempting to leave it because of a few spiders.

But now the fun commenced. We leveled a snow bank till it was nearly as smooth and hard and white as marble, and on this we poured the melted sugar, and as it cooled rapidly, the waxy substance was soon ready for our approval.

But now we were at a standstill. Nothing in the shape of knives or spoons had been included in the furnishing of the camp, and to our consternation we found that we must either lose our hard-earned (?) delicacy or return to the primitive method of using fingers as "table tools." We decided that "fingers were made before forks" and were trying this method when our host came to the rescue and, taking a board, planed it till it was clean and white, then whittled out several implements that were a cross between knives and chop-sticks, but they served our purpose and our spirits rose from out the depths of gloom into which they had been plunged.

Then how the tongues loosened, what talking and screaming and laughing—and eating—as there was. We were told of the long, dull nights the workers often spent there, for some one must watch, keep the fire burning and the sap boiling all the night, but we could scarcely imagine a lonely time in the sugar-woods, if the day we had spent there was a sample.

I. M. T.

Notes.

Bah ! ! ! ! !

"Book-agent."

Frigavit suam aurem.

Where is the rubber ball?

Please pay your subscriptions.

"The children of the sparrow."

Walter Dunton, '94, has joined the Xenophon class.

Gilman, '94, has been limping around with a sprained ankle.

Miss K., please do not put your feet on my new carpet.

Miss Spaulding, '95, is absent from school on account of sickness.

The Homer class, having finished its year's work, has disbanded.

"The world moves on," the Oracle said, But the Prof.—"Let it be Dunn," instead.

Miss O'Hora, '95, has left school, as her family has moved out of town.

We hope that the curtain did not injure the brain of that bright member of the R. H. S., on whose head it fell recently.

Bert Marshall, '95, has been absent from school for the past three weeks.

Miss Mamie Kingsley, formerly of the class of '94, was in town a short time ago.

Nearly all the seniors have finished their essays, and are beginning to learn them.

Kleber Campbell, '93, has been elected treasurer of the West Rutland Drum Corps.

The singing lessons, which have been omitted for some time, have been begun again.

Hamilton, '94, is renewing his knowledge of Cæsar with the members of the class of '95.

On account of the stormy weather only one session of school was held on Friday, Feb. 10.

Coasting and skating were enjoyed by the members of the H. S. during the week ending Feb. 11.

Miss Wilcox, '94, has been absent from school for some time on account of the illness of her mother.

The Beginners' Latin class now takes Cæsar three days in the week, and grammar the other two days.

Fritz Burnham, formerly of the class of '93, spent Sunday, Jan. 29th, with his father, Mr. S. E. Burnham.

Miss H. (Teacher in American Litrature)—what was Daniel Webster noted for? Bright youth—His dictionary.

The home of Miss May Jackson, a member of the class of '93, was burned to the ground on the morning of Feb. 6th.

The Rhetorical program, which was postponed from Feb. 10, occurred on Friday, Feb. 17, and was a very interesting one.

We wish to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Sullivan for so kindly cleaning up the sanctum for us.

Robert Rice, formerly '93, was in town a short time ago and attended the reading of the works of George W. Cable by the author himself.

Perhaps a certain young lady would be placed in a less embarrassing position if hereafter a particular senior boy would leave candy out of the class room.

Miss K. (teacher in geology)—What is remarkable about the lobsters that are found 12,000 feet below the surface of the ocean? Smart girl.—They had eyes. Miss K.—They had no eyes, but crabs have been found with eyes 5,000 feet deep.

Several new pieces of apparatus have been added to our laboratory outfit. Among them is an electric machine of the latest and most approved pattern.

Mr. J. A. Alger, who taught in the R. H S. during the summer term of 1890, in place of Miss Walker, is now an instructor in Brown University. We wish him success.

How many of the pupils have noticed the placards on the door and in the window of the sanctum: *Positively no admittance except on business.* If not, please do so.

Richard Sheldon of the class of '94 has left school and gone to New York City, where his parents are spending the winter. He expects to remain there until the last of June.

There is talk of forming a ball nine among the members of the R. H. S. There seems to be material enough, and, if it is shaped into the right form, a good team would be the result.

William Field, formerly of '94, and at present a student at Hotchkiss Seminary, in Lakeville, Conn., has been at home for about three weeks on account of a prevalent sickness among the members of his school.

Though the seniors are not supposed to be endowed with an excess of privileges, one of them was observed the other day to demurely walk up the aisle and take a seat with one of the "freshies" who was engaged in reciting Latin.

The English History class has gone the rounds at last and, it is to be hoped, has found a resting place. Miss Kelley had the class in the first part of the year, then Miss Hunt took it, and now it has been transferred to Prof. Colcord.

The R. H. S. Debating Club is holding a series of meetings which occur on Thursday evening of each week, for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of parliamentary rules. These meetings are very much enjoyed by those who attend them.

"The '94 Trio," which consists of Miss Musa Peabody and Sam Hamilton, banjoists, and Miss Henrietta Spafford, pianist, took a prominent part in an entertainment given by the Baptist church a short time ago. We are glad to see our school show some of the musical talent which it contains.

We were very fortunate this week. Wednesday was a legal holiday and on account of the storm no school was held on Monday. Miss Hunt was the only one of the teachers who was brave enough to come out. We are happy to see that we have such a brave assistant, and are extremely sorry to hear of her hard luck.

The Xenophon class has begun the fourth book of the Anabasis, and will very soon begin reading Herodotus or Homer. Prof. Colcord is very proud of the rapidity with which this class reads.

Alumni Notes.

Miss Mattie Spafford, '91, visited the R. H. S. on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Miss Mary Harwood, '89, has been elected chairman of the Phi Kappa Psi executive committee of Smith College.

Miss Frances Kingsley, a member of the class of '88, and at present a teacher of elocution in the Vermont Academy, took part in a public entertainment given by the Baptist church of this place on Feb. 7th. She delivered several selections in such a way as to show her great ability as an elocutionist.

Clippings.

"This," said the red-eyed cook, who was peeling an onion, "is wan of thim concealed weepins."

Some women make of tears their chief
  Of ways to keep love from decline,
And seem to think that love, like beef,
  Is best preserved by brine."

He gazed upon her enviously,
  This youth whose moustache will not grow,
He was a broker's son, and she,
  The bearded lady at the show.

"I say, Mike," said a man to an Irishman who was laboring in the street, "Are you digging out a hole there?" "Sure, no," replied the Hibernian, "Oi'm laven the hole and only digging out the dirt."

He took her out for an ice-cream treat,
His pretty blue-eyed Sal;
But fainted when he read the sign,
"Cream, ninety cents a gal."

A rich, though ignorant farmer, had been told by his daughter, who, in her own estimation, was very learned, to always say after a remark or speech, "present company always excepted," as it sounded grand. Accordingly, at a ball, when asked by his daughter where he had been, he replied: "I has been over to have a look at Farmer Dobson's pigs, and they be the finest lot o' pigs I ever seed, present company always excepted." Imagine the feelings of the present company.

When I questioned young Smithson,
a short time ago,
Why no longer he courted Miss B.,
He looked at me strangely and smiled
just a bit—
"The reason's a parent!" cried he.

Below are the nine longest words in the English language at the present writing, and they are orthographical monsters, too. Here they are; take off your coat and engage them for a round or two:

Suticonstitutionalist.
Incomprehensibility.
Philoprogenitiveness.
Honorificibilitudinity.
Anthropophagenerian.
Disproportionableness.
Velocipedestrianistical.
Proantitionsubstationist.
Transubstantionableness.—Ex.

Exchanges.

Several cuts occupy much space on the pages of the *Barnard Aion*.

An interesting account of Wellesley College appears in the *Echo*.

In the *Stylus* appears a fascinating article entitled an "Essay on Girls."

The December number of the *Normal College Echo* is the best which we have received. It deserves special attention.

In the *High School Bulletin* appears an amusing article on "Epitaphs," being a collection of eccentric verses found on tombstones.

The January number of the *School Dial* is a thirty-two page paper and a credit to its publishers. Three articles on Shakespeare adorn its pages.

The *Sunbeam*, edited entirely by young ladies, is one of our most welcome exchanges. The exchange column is especially worthy of comment.

The January number of the *Academy Student* has a good article on "Compulsory Courses in College." This paper, however, has no exchange column.

The reading matter in the *Lever* is not well arranged. If the "Literary" preceded the "Exchanges" and "Locals," we think the order would be much improved.

We acknowledge the receipt of the *Reveille*, *The Cadet*, *The High School Times*, *The Oak*, *Lily and Ivy*, *The Baker University Index*, *The Undergraduate*, *Goddard Record*, *The High School Observer*, *High School Life*, *High School World*, *The Review*, *The Golden Rod*, *The Rugbian*, *The Alphian*, *The Magnet*.

Some of our exchanges contain accounts of the lives of Benj. F. Butler and Rutherford B. Hayes. Among the best accounts of Butler's life is one in the *Academian*, which also contains his portrait. In some accounts this man is pictured as a noble type of manhood, in others, an "old sinner." One must draw his own conclusions after reading both sides.

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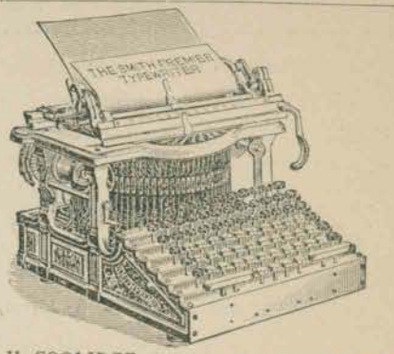

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THIS issue closes the fourth volume of THE NOTES. In now resigning our positions and giving place to the newly elected editorial staff, we can not do otherwise than realize that, as the success of our efforts was due in part to the management of our predecessors, the success or failure of the coming year's result will depend largely upon the year's management of those about to resign. It is with this thought in view that we have earnestly labored to make the paper one, if not the most important, factor of our school life. Through its columns we have endeavored to justly represent the school and all its work, to make it what its name signifies, a school journal, and to give an opportunity for aiding the pupils in the art of writing. In many ways we feel we have been successful, for anyone who has carefully read our little sheet could not fail to receive full information regarding school concerns.

Again, it has not been conducted in the interest of any one person or class, but it has aimed to give ample justice to all classes, societies and persons connected with the school. Lastly, in speaking for ourselves we can truly say that the personal experience received during our past year's editorial work more than repays us for the time and labor spent. The editors of last year had planned for us to have the grammar schools represented in our

paper, thinking that it would be the means of exciting a lively interest among the pupils of those schools, thereby greatly increasing the subscription list. But disappointments will occur to persons in all the walks of life, and after several issues with this arrangement it was found that the reports of the lower schools did not raise the condition of the paper in either a literary or financial sense. It was then decided to devote all the reading space to the writings of the high school pupils and has continued so ever since. Perhaps, because of the satisfactory publication of THE NOTES during this last year, we are inclined to slightly overlook the possible improvements, especially regarding its general appearance. We have such absolute confidence in the ability of our successors that we do not give up our duties with any quaking fear for the future welfare of THE NOTES, and we know that whatever change can be made for bettering its condition will be readily adopted by them, so that THE NOTES will not be, as it is now, *one* of the foremost among High School journals, but that it will have reached the highest rank attainable.

AS we sit at our sanctum desk performing our last editorial duties for THE NOTES we cannot help but review from the beginning the many events which have taken place during the past school year and consider the results of each. First, there took place a highly interesting debate between the Minervan Society and the boy's Debating Club. This event, although each club strove to come out ahead, was the cause of bringing them into closer relations, for a time at least. Then that memorable occasion where the crimson and white played so important a part, in which the boys only were directly concerned, but one in which the whole school lent their assistance in making it so successful, the first annual joint debate between the R. H. S. D. C. and the R. E. C. I. L. This set flaming that spark of friendly rivalry which had always existed between the two schools, and will probably urge the members of each club to more earnest work in preparing for the one next year. The first annual prize speaking was the following important event in which the whole school were directly interested. Owing to its recent date and the large audience assembled at the time there is necessary no words of ours to comment on its success. Next came the first annual field day, when the members of the Athletic Association displayed their skill in the various sports peculiar to the day. The physical benefit which the boys necessarily received in training for the games is, of course, the most lasting result. After this the fourth annual musicale was given as usual by the school. This occasion, besides furnishing a pleasant evening to our friends gave an opportunity for the musically gifted pupils to cultivate their talent. In looking over the year's work we ought to mention the '93 Shakespeare Club, for, although conducted purely by the seniors, yet it showed such a decided advance in the study of literature that it deserves our notice. All these affairs have been so managed as not to divert the pupil's mind from his studies, and consequently the work in the classes has gone on uninterrupted as in former years. In many cases where great strides are taken in advance there is a general tendency to relaxation, yet we hope and trust it may not be so in the coming year, but that the work may progress with that success which always comes when fairly started.

ANOTHER Commencement Day has passed and another class have given their last farewells to the pleasant school associations. It is but natural, then, that we, too, should say a few words of parting to the many friends who have made our work as editors so pleasant. Words cannot express the regret with which we sever our connection as active members of the editorial staff of THE NOTES, but we can say that wherever we may be, we will always look forward to its publication with the keenest interest. We wish to thank our teachers for the kindness they have shown in making our sometimes difficult tasks as easy as possible; for the suitable suggestions offered when struggling between two decisions; for the privileges granted when we were pressed for time. We thank our janitor, Mr. Sullivan, for the pride he has taken in keeping our sanctum so tidy, and hope, for his sake, that hereafter less dust will be brought in, owing to the tiny feet of our successors. We thank the printers for their occasionally great trouble in correcting our errors and for their long-suffering patience when the manuscripts did not appear. We also thank the merchants who have so willingly assisted us by their advertisements, and sincerely trust that they will continue to do so in the future.

Not only the class of '93, but the whole school had a pleasant surprise Friday morning when Mr. Ellsworth, our former principal, appeared in the school room. It added much to the pleasure of the graduates to have him present at their closing exercises.

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There was not a hitch or delay in either the afternoon or evening programme, nor has there ever been such an array of well delivered essays as those given. The usual sweltering heat that sends the thermometer up into the nineties and the audience to vigorously using their fans, was replaced by a moderately cool atmosphere that was wont to keep even the "croakers" in the best of humor, and the speakers in a comparatively cool position upon the elevated stage. Never before has there been a larger crowd. The aisles were filled with chairs and many stood upon the limited space allowed at the doors and pushed and shoved about in an endeavor to obtain a better view of the stage, while even the window seats were filled with boys and men to make standing room for ladies in the north aisle.

Banks of ferns and flowers, conspicuous among which was the class flower, the buttercup, adorned the sides of the stage, while the front was festooned with yellow bunting strewn with maiden-hair ferns and flowers.

Above, suspended from the flyers, was the class motto, in letters of olive and gold, giving a very pretty and tasty effect to the whole. Below the motto, *Ex Vita Scholæ in Scholam Vitæ*, which interpreted means out of school life into life's school, were suspended the figures 93, also in the class colors.

Upon the stage were seated the graduating class, the corps of teachers, Superintendent Temple, Trustees Tuttle and Barrett, Mr. C. P. Harris, Mr. Jesse A. Ellsworth, a former principal of the school, and Rev. Dr. G. W. Phillips of the Congregational church. After music by Brehmer's orchestra the exercises of the day were opened with a prayer by Dr. Phillips. Then came the salutatory address, which is given in another column, and essay, "A peep at Our World in Future," by Annie Walker Humphrey, in which she asks some very far-reaching questions that in our busy life we hardly stop to consider till they are placed before us by some careful thinking person.

"What sort of a world will the people be living in that come after us?" This very question alone bears enough thought in itself, but we are asked to consider many more. "Will she change in her fundamental laws? That is not to be expected," we are told, but it is the revolution in her many inventions, customs and forms that we are asked to consider.

The thought that the world will be morally perfect is too good to be realistic, but the inventions are described as marvelous.

The great natural advantages of Africa are brought forward and well discussed and are believed to be, by the speaker, the great controlling commercial and agricultural power of the next century. Many other points were brought out that are not fully realized upon momentary thought.

The essay, "Woman in Politics," by Julia Agnes Canty, came next and was an earnest and well written plea for woman's rights, that from manner of composition and delivery showed careful thinking and conscientious training. She showed that woman has taken high honors in all the scientific institutions to which she has been admitted and that she has shown herself an equal of man in all branches of his work to which she has been allowed, and therefore she should have the right of suffrage if she so desires, and especially so where she has been left a widow or has taxable property.

She very aptly quoted from that sage who said: "You educate a man and you educate one person, but you educate a woman and you are educating a whole family."

The declaration was also made that all the opposition to woman's right of suffrage was the fear that if woman takes one single step in the direction of progress it will place her outside the sacred sphere of home, and all in the very face of the fact that she has advanced in her home life wherever she has had a chance for outside improvement.

"Other Worlds to Conquer" furnished the interesting subject of an essay by Mary Cecilia Donnelly, who treated the subject in a masterly way that deserves much credit.

She said: "How many people do we know who are satisfied with well enough, who, contented with the existing state of things and their own successes, fail from lack of further ambition to reach farther for more ambitious results?" The unsatisfied are the ones that succeed. This would seem at first neither probable, or logically true, but what of Morse, Edison and Columbus and the hosts of inventors and scientists that have made our homes luxurious and our work light. Had they been satisfied with their surroundings, we might have still been using the stage coach and sailing vessels or the old slow means of communication. Yet it is true that such people are not always agreeable to society that would rest from ambitious activity, but the welfare of a people is of more consequence than their whims, and the dissatisfied man is an absolute necessity.

At this point music was rendered by the orchestra, after which Patrick Francis McDonough came forward and delivered a remarkably clear and well written oration entitled "Democracy—Its Power." The subject was well chosen and much credit is due to the writer in the handling of such a broad and difficult subject. It was treated in a somewhat different way than is generally the case. It shows the great growth of America compared with foreign monarchies and compares France before and after she became a republic. That old American motto: "All men are created free and equal," that makes the heart of the foreigner leap for joy, is the point about which the discussion centers. He showed that of the greater nations America leads, as we are restricted by no rank or sect.

Again, the great free system of schools furnishes an inestimable factor in the unifying process that practically brings the aliens into closer sympathy with our government, prompting them to fight for a land that they have found beneficial to their interests. This last fact, he proves, was illustrated by our last war, when thousands upon thousands of foreign-born citizens gave their life's blood for the land they had grown to love.

Mr. McDonough was followed by Miss Etta Franklin, who recited in a very pretty manner, "Joan of Arc," after which came the essay "Speculation in Futures," by Marie Louise Metzger. Miss Metzger treated this in a highly interesting and original manner that held the closest attention of the audience during its delivery.

The subject is taken concretely and placed before the audience in the well known and pleasing style of the writer and delivered with characteristic ease and distinctness.

The essay deals in futures from a speculative standpoint and compares the fortunes made and lost on the stock exchange to the risks of everyday life. "Can much be gained where small risks are taken?" is asked. A fitting illustration of a negative answer is aptly taken in the venture of Robert Clive, so well known in history from his great risk taken at Plassey, at which an empire was won for England, and all from the courage of a man in a two hours' debate with himself. Again, she says: "Is not life a lottery from infancy up? A little gained in *any* direction and the gainer is sure to risk more in the same pursuits. Is it the men who sit down humbly and apologize for living that are heroes in history, or is it the men who risk life and fortune?" Look and see. There is no famous person in history who has made his name great except by taking hazards, and great ones, too.

She concluded by saying: "Then do we look for accident to bring us into greatness? No! The glorious triumphs of life will never come to us in this way. We must be brave and bold to try, for those and those only are the ones that feel the prize in their grasp."

"The Secret of Success," by Arthur Hawkins Keyes was an interesting and remarkably well composed oration and delivered with great clearness and ease, in which he shows that a man, to succeed must first, do something, as an idle man will never amount to

anything in our busy modern times. Then, secondly, a man must do one thing, as "a jack-at-all-trades is good at none." A man, he says, may drive six horses, but if he tries to attend to a half dozen kinds of business he must, unless he is a very remarkable person, fail. Again, every person has his own especial talent, and it is his business in life to find out what that talent is and develop it. This talent should not be shut up within the possessor, but should be used for the benefit of the world to the advantage of the one who has it to give. Then, fourthly, he says: "A man, to succeed, must *do his best* at whatever he may choose, and do it with all his might, for a half effort, no matter how talented the person may be, is of little use unless every effort is thrown into developing it. A person who is easily discouraged is not the one who is going to be of benefit to the world, but the *one* who has *pluck* to stick and hang to his work."

Keyes was followed by Miss Dunton in her essay on "The Epic Ideal." She first compares the storms of nature to personal strife and temptation that, though seemingly disastrous at the time, strengthen and mould the character. A very fitting illustration is taken in the character of Jean Valjean in Victor Hugo's "Les Miserables." Jean Valjean's life hope was killed by a pardonable crime, but he was imprisoned for nineteen years. Upon being released he was again tempted and succumbed, but this time, being pardoned by his captor, he became a different man, and in the course of time became mayor of his city. In this position he one day disclosed his crime and past history to the people, as an innocent person was about to be imprisoned for life for one of his old thefts. She concludes by saying: "Every life is an epic, and does it not rest with us how the struggle shall end, whether the storms of life shall leave us victorious or vanquished?"

Adelaide Benton Schryver then rendered a recitation entitled "Robert of Sicily," in a most pleasing manner. She not only showed marked elocutionary ability, but great preparation and study. The piece is one that is inspiring in the extreme, and no one could have been chosen who would have given it a better dramatic effect than Miss Schryver.

Miss Taylor, in her essay, "Ye Good Old Times," draws a highly amusing, and at the same time very sensible sketch of the old times. Taking for illustration the George Washington period, she compared the modern ways with those in his time, and described the manners, dress and customs of the so-called "grand old period," that we may never see again, and proved that they were not only inferior to our times in learning, inventions and culture, but aptly compared our great men with theirs. "We grant, she says, "that the age had its great men, but that is easily explained. Those same men were great because they shined in a comparatively dark age. They were mostly warriors or statesmen, but our men of talent turned their attention to other things and have become Beechers, Bancrofts or Emersons." She then went on to describe the inventions of our day as compared with those in the time of Washington, and concluded by saying, "Yes, the old times were grand, but we are obstinate enough to prefer our day to theirs."

The literary part of the exercises were closed by the Valedictory, which is given in another part of this paper.

Before the diplomas were given Superintendent Temple addressed the graduates. He said in part: "I wish to say a word to the friends of the public schools. We have not at this time the least idea of rendering an account of our stewardship in detail. What with prize speaking, public debates and concerts, to say nothing of the immortal kirmess, it is evident that the young people have the floor this spring, and we willingly concede it to them.

"In the new school year there will be many new interests to be met by those having in charge the education of our young people. Perhaps the most important one is that of room; room in which to educate 1,800 scholars, having a corps of not less than forty teachers. Up to this point we have done our best to further the interests of our schools, of which you have occasion to be proud. There is no doubt that our successors will do their best for the cause of education. Let me mention two things in which the pupils of the public schools are personally concerned. The first is the public library, which has a power for good in school education that can scarcely be realized. More than one thousand books have been carefully read and digested by the pupils in the public schools of Rutland during the past year. Do not lose your grip on the public library. The second is the long vacation which we have this year concluded to extend to September 18. We have not forgotten that this is Columbian year, and we trust that it will be the good fortune of each and every one of you to see the wonders of the World's Fair, and come back better prepared to take up the duties of practical school work.

"I will only add a word of congratulation to the members of the graduating class for the achievements they have accomplished, and I sincerely wish to each one of you a long, happy and useful life."

Mr. Temple then presented the diplomas to the graduates, and Principal Colcord said: "I am happy to say there has been an agreeable precedent established, which does not require the principal to make a speech upon an occasion of this kind. In view of the excessive heat and the long time which you have been seated, I will simply congratulate the class and thank you all for the kindness you have shown us and the patience and forbearance you have exhibited this afternoon."

Music by the orchestra concluded the exercises.

E. H.

SALUTATORY.

ANNIE HUMPHREY.

Friends of the Rutland High School:

We, the class of '93, extend a hearty welcome to you all. You are welcome because of the interest which your presence shows, and because of the inspiration you give to all of us to do our best in this, the final scene of our High School life. Whether we have acted our parts well or ill, we cannot help feeling, as the time draws near for the curtain to rise, that you are anxious to see the last scene in our little "comedy of errors," usually known as a High School course. We have tried to select subjects and ideas which you can at least listen to, and have endeavored to give them as logically as we could. But we hope that you will not expect too much of us. We ask you to remember that we are not, and are not aspiring to be regarded as a class of Demosthenetic oratorical ability, but are simply beginners in the great

study of oratory. We do not expect by any great brilliancy of intellect to translate you into the seventh heaven of approbation, but only to hold your interest for a brief time and show, at any rate, a sincere wish to please you.

VALEDICTORY.

INEZ M. TAYLOR.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have listened patiently to the reading of the last page in our school history, the first volume of the class of '93; but now it must be put aside for the second. Although it be true that "life is what we make it," we cannot lift the veil that hides the future, so it only remains for me, before we bid farewell to the old care-free days to extend to you—kinds friends of Rutland, who have so often shown your more than kind appreciation of our labored efforts to please you—sincere thanks for the interest you have taken in us to-day.

We will endeavor to deserve your interest and approbation in the future.

Honored Board of Education, we have known throughout the year what was the hidden power that removed the obstacles from our path, made our work so pleasant, and occasionally gave us an enjoyable holiday; and on the latter occasions, at least, we have been deeply grateful to you. You have been a silent and unseen force, but we know your efforts in our behalf and thank you for them.

And to the juniors we would say we trust you will lay aside your air of careless gaiety, don the cloak of wisdom, profit by the example of those who have gone before, and "be loyal to the school." We really regret leaving you more than words can tell, but can only console ourselves with the belief that in departing we leave behind us "footprints on the sands of time;" and successors who are worthy the name of seniors.

Our teachers, we realize more than ever before the value of our school training, when we think of parting from you. When giving us long and difficult lessons you did us a favor, though while struggling with pages of history and problems, in geometry and algebra, we did not view it in that light. You aided us when we were in despair; you brought us to surmount difficulties with ease, and prepared us for a life struggle in which we must act for ourselves.

As a house built upon a rock is best able to withstand the action of the storm, so are those whose education is conducted by efficient teachers best able to withstand the storms that beset us in after life. This advantage we have had. For your kindness we thank you now, and will always remember you with deepest gratitude.

Classmates, the saddest of all sad words must now be spoken—farewell—farewell to the old happy days in our High School, for although we may pursue our education farther, life will never again seem quite the same. The road here branches; some will take one path, some another, as we pass "from school life into life's school," and our past year, so full of work and pleasure combined, will seem but a dream, a memory both sweet and sad. However, we shall never forget, but shall always look back with affection for the teachers, and a wish that we might again assemble in class as one of the happy scholars of the class of '93.

THE RECEPTION.

OVER EIGHT HUNDRED PEOPLE ASSEMBLED TO WITNESS THE LAST SCENE IN THE DRAMA OF THE CLASS OF '93.

At 8 o'clock, when the doors of the Opera House were thrown open, the large number of invited guests began to arrive to witness the evening exercises and to shake hands for the last time with the graduates as members of the class of '93, as they passed "from school life into life's school." The guests were introduced by a committee from the B class and received by the senior officers, assisted by the members of the class, after which they were seated upon the body of the floor and in the galleries.

The decorations for the evening, somewhat different from those used in the afternoon in order to be more in keeping with the change of programme, were pretty and tasty in the extreme, thanks to the hard work of the B class under the supervision of J. B. Stearns.

It was a gay and pretty scene as the people chatted with the white-robed young ladies of the graduating class or waited for the exercises to begin.

At sharply eight o'clock the curtain rose. Upon the stage was seated the class president, H. M. Bates, Jr., and the speakers of the evening, whose speeches and addresses are given in another part of this paper.

Mr. Bates opened the exercises in an address, in which he said: "Friends and members of the R. H. S., in accordance with the custom established by former classes, we are met this evening for the last time as members of the Rutland High School, to take a formal leave of our friends; to shake hands once more in mutual sympathy, friendship and encouragement.

"This is an hour for congratulation and rejoicing, yet it is a time of regret. Congratulation and rejoicing because we have at last completed the long task laid out for us and of regret that we must leave the school that has become so dear to all of us.

"In behalf of the class of '93, I wish to thank you all for the interest you have shown in us by your presence here this evening and will ask you to give attention to a short programme which we have prepared."

At the close of the address Miss Kelley gave a recitation entitled "Wesselenyi" in a brilliant manner that elicited much applause, and that deserved much credit, being delivered in the easy, graceful style characteristic of the speaker.

Kleber A. Campbell followed in an oration entitled "The Study of English." Mr. Campbell showed marked oratorical ability in the delivery of his oration, which was not only well delivered, but a remarkably well written article defending our mother tongue. At this point a selection was rendered by the orchestra. At the close, the class poem was read by Miss Jackson. It is not usual that a class can boast of a poet with the talent shown by Miss Jackson in her poem that not only contains a very pleasing theme, but is remarkably correct in metre and original in style.

Miss Gracianna Farmer followed Miss Jackson in a recitation entitled "The Family Jar." This humorous and new selection, which describes the quarrels of a newly married pair, involving the question of who should rule and their reconciliation, was rendered by Miss Farmer in a highly pleasing manner and showed the ability of the speaker

in dealing with the humorous. The recitation was amusing throughout and was heartily encored.

After music by the orchestra, Arthur S. Lewis gave his address to the juniors in a grave and condescending way, confining himself chiefly to giving advice that would be of use to the "fledglings" in the new and responsible position they would assume next September. At the close of his address he presented to the class of '94 the key of knowledge that was given to his class by the class of "92."

Mr. J. B. Stearns replied to the address in a witty and extremely amusing manner that kept the audience in a state of mirth during the entire address. Mr. Stearns' reply was such that the class of '94 need not feel at a loss for a defender, at least in elocutionary defense, while he is a member of it. At the close of his address he was loudly encored by the audience.

After another selection by the orchestra Miss Agnes Fisher gave the history of the class during its course in the High School. She showed herself to be a true and concise historian, and it is certain no person could have better acquitted himself of her difficult task.

Mr. Philip S. Goulding then gave the class prophecy, that contained the usual number of school and matrimonial hits, in a very efficient manner. Indeed, if time proves Mr. Goulding a true prophet (and from appearances it is probable that he may be so in one case at least), some glorious things are in store for the members of the class of '93.

The exercises closed with the singing of the class ode, written for the occasion by Mr. Winthrop Davis.

At the close of the programme the floor was cleared and the class and its friends enjoyed dancing until a late hour. E. H.

CLASS POEM—SOMNIA.

MAY VIOLA JACKSON.

One summer day I dreaming stood
Within a cool and pleasant wood;
Each bird was singing out his lay,
Rich with the gladness of the day.

Sweet flowers that blossomed everywhere,
With tender fragrance filled the air,
And, lighting up the beauteous scene,
The sun shone down with face serene.

I thought so pleasant was the place,
No other one had equal grace;
I wished its beauty long might last,
When lo! the sky was overcast.

Veiled was the splendor of the sun,
And all of my bright vision done;
I saw how idle was the dream,
That every day all sunshine seem.

I found a child; her happy eyes
Were dipped in azure from the skies;
The liquid air her laughter stirred,
Clear as the carol of a bird.

Gaily she danced away the hours
In sunny fields and gathered flowers—
Now plucked the daisies, now sat down
And wove them in a floral crown.

The sunbeams sparkled on the stream,
The sky was beauteous as a dream,
But fairest thing in earth or air,
The lovely child that lingered there.

So fair she was, her life so sweet,
I dreamed that happiness complete
In one bright childish heart had grown,
When lo! her joy and peace had flown.

She stooped to seize a wild rose gay,
A bee rose up and buzzed away,
And, overcome by sudden fears,
Her childish mirth gave place to tears.

"Ah me!" thought I, "so bright a face;
How soon a tear has dimmed its grace!
Must all sweet things in life we view
So mingle tears and laughter too?"

Again I saw a merry band
Within a hall together stand;
Bright youths and maidens fair were they,
Fresh with the bloom of opening May.

Life came to them a rose-hued thing,
No winter days, but only spring;
Above them cloudless, sunlit skies
Made all the world a paradise.

They laughed and sang the years away,
E'en toil seemed less of toil than play;
So, filled with glee days came and went,
They scarce knew how the days were spent

In rapturous hope, each labor done,
Unfolded other fields unwon;
Each height attained with joy sublime,
But lured them other heights to climb.

I know no fairer thing on earth
Than days of free and careless mirth;
No treasures half so rich or rare
As fresh young hearts when free from care.

"At last," said I, "at last I gain
A glimpse of life without its pain;
Such happy hearts shall never know
The sadder thoughts that come with woe."

It was a dream. There came a day
When brightness seemed to pass away;
The halls that echoed to their glee,
Their gathered ranks no more shall see.

The world's great gates have opened wide,
They go to mingle with the tide
Of toiling men who learn to bear
The heavy loads of busy care.

Kind friends, this band now welcomes you
To hear their words of last adieu,
Before they gird them for the strife,
"Leaving their school for the school of life."

Is life all dreams that come to-day.
To-morrow but to pass away?
No matter; when one dream is gone,
Let's laugh and sigh and still dream on.

ORATION—THE STUDY OF ENGLISH.

KLEBER ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

How many times have you who have listened to the closing exercises of our schools heard the classical student paint the beauty and excellence of the ancient writers? Virgil, Homer and Horace are set up as sort of divinities in literature, and have attained a sublime position in the thoughts of some which ought never to be ascribed to mortal beings.

For hundreds of years, till recently, it has been assumed in the training of young men in school and college, that no education is complete which does not include a more or less thorough knowledge of certain works of the old Greeks and Romans. Some one has said that the world is ruled by the dead hand of the past. So it is that these old Greek and Roman writers have reached out with the dead and dusty hand of their mighty genius and have given direction and inspiration to the thoughts and feelings of the modern world.

So powerful has been the sway which they have exercised over the minds of popular educators that these have contended that no clergyman is capable to write a sermon who has not sat at the feet of these dead masters and learned how to do it; that no lawyer is fitted to plead a cause who has

not read the masterly pleadings of Cicero before the courts of Rome; that no man is fitted to be a teacher of rhetoric who has not taken to pieces some of those awful sentences that have puzzled the brains of so many school boys.

Oh, Cicero! Polite and scholarly old Roman, as you were, how many times has that ponderous rhetoric of yours driven all the ideas out of the heads of the modern boys and girls who have taken your hand to help them climb the ladder of fame? To your "*O tempora! O mores! Ubinan gentium sumus*," how many a weary school boy has responded with dejection, "Alas! we don't know where in the world we are at." So it is that many a mind has wondered how long it would be before the world will reach that point where we can frankly confess that people of our modern times can think as good thoughts and write as good rhetoric as "The noblest Roman of them all." We have only to examine the works of our modern day to find as fine examples of rhetorical writing and as splendid works for the purpose of instruction as can be found in any literature of the ancients.

What can be finer in thought and expression than the productions of Shakespeare? What can be grander in eloquence of style and in taste of composition than the wonderful epic of Milton? Where can we find a more noble and thoughtful man than our late poet, Tennyson? Where in all the ancient world do we find such pure and helpful thoughts, so beautifully expressed, as in the works of our favorite New England poets? The admirers of the oid Greek and Roman worthies are fond of telling us of the grandeur of Plato's morals and of the wonderful discussions of Cicero, on the "Immortal Life." But Browning, Tennyson, Whittier and Bryant surpass by far all these ancients in pure morals and depth of thinking. Again, we claim that not only will our modern works teach us beauty of style equally as well as all the boasted creations of the ancient world, but in all that goes to help us think clearer and better thoughts, we believe that our modern English has by far the advantage. Where can you find a man with a broader conception of human life and one so competent to set forth the characters of men as our English Shakespeare? Shall we say that Aristotle has expounded the scientific facts of the world as well as Bacon or Newton or Huxley? No! Aristotle was a child in comparison to any one of these. Can the statesmanship of Plato or that of Cicero be compared with that which we find in the works of Gladstone, Lincoln or Blaine? We talk of the historical writings of Herodotus. Can he furnish any such models of history as Hume, Gibbon, Prescott and a host of others? We talk of the oratory of Greece and Rome. Demosthenes and Cicero were prodigies in their time; but how do their orations sound when placed beside those of Burke or Gladstone, or those of Clay or Webster of our own country.

We have studied the poetry of the ancients for style and inspiration. But what shall we find nobler and grander than the works of a host of English poets whose names have become household words.

Cannot everybody see that we have the best of literature in our own language and that it is no longer necessary to compel the youth of to-day to spend from four to eight years in learning a dead language and to read a few stories of an ancient civilization? Therefore let us study English, and in all our school work let us give our own mother tongue at least our first consideration.

ADDRESS TO THE JUNIORS.

Members of the class of '94, to me has fallen the duty of giving you our words of farewell. I presume you expect me to give something of advice and counsel. This is but natural upon your part.

Next September you will commence your career as Seniors of the Rutland High School. You have found your pathway hitherto somewhat rosy and delightful. Kind friends have strewn a carpet of delicious beauty along the highway which your innocent feet have traveled. Anxious teachers have taken your little hands, led you safely forward and carefully pulled aside each naughty bramble and picked the rude stones from the path of life, so that your little feet might walk in peace and safety.

But now you are to assume the responsibilities of Seniors. Now you will be left to find your own way over a road dark and dreary and as rough and stony as some of the streets of our own sweet and lovely city. Henceforth you will be aided only by the uncertain light of the knowledge you have acquired in your two years previous training. This rough road is the only highway that leads to the great city of knowledge.

Therefore it is my pleasure to present to you for the amelioration of this difficult path this key, which passes under the name of the key of knowledge. This name, like many others, is a deceptive one, and, like some of your own favorite jokes, needs explanation. This golden key is not the key to all knowledge, by the aid of which you can gain omniscience. It is not an Empire State express, leading to the "City of all Knowledge," neither is it that machine so popular with some, which is called a horse, and which is supposed to carry the lame and lazy so quickly over the rough roads of Homer or Virgil, and across the sandy desert of mathematics. Neither is this the key to the future. It will not unlock for you the mystic portal that leads to the secret of success and triumph. Neither will it tell you whether it is better to devote your future evenings to the attendance of a kirmess, at a theatrical side show, to study, or to the cultivation of the acquaintance of Morpheus, the god of dreams. Neither will this key give you instruction as to your conduct as Seniors. It will not tell you when the small, straight marks against your name in the ominous black book approach the limit which will promote you to those cherished seats in which you will not be obliged to take a back seat for anybody. It will not tell you how far into the wee small hours of the night to remain at those literary love-feasts which the class of '93 founded for the acquisition of knowledge concerning the writings of that poet known as the mellifluous Shakespeare. Nor will this inform you how far it will be safe or possible for you to follow the virtuous course so long and triumphantly pursued by those who now take leave of you.

I can only counsel you to study, admire and strive to imitate this career and be guided by the circumstances.

Since I have been telling you what this key is not, you will, perhaps, ask me what it is. I will answer that it is the key to knowledge, known as Hard Work. It is only by using this key

according to directions that you can hope to reach the City of Knowledge. These directions are: Study at least one hour of the twenty-four, five times per week. If the full effect is not felt, increase to two hours, and in an extremity, take two and one-half hours. Let me add one more word of caution. Beware of robbers in the shape of amusements and diversions, which lie in wait along the path which you must tread, and which will delight to steal portions of the time which I have put down in the directions to be devoted to the use of the key.

With these brief but thoughtful remarks, I now, in behalf of the class of '93, present to you the key, and only ask you that when, by its aid, you have trod the weary way which lies before you, you will, in your time, pass it on to your successors.

JUNIOR REPLY.

JOHN B. STEARNS.

I do not know which is the more important event in this most eventful of years, the world's fair at Chicago or the graduation of the class of '93 in Rutland. But I am sure, in the opinion of the class no event has or ever will occur equal in importance to their brilliant debut. To this proposition we most heartily agree.

Class of '93, for this key accept the thanks of the class of '94. Thanks for your kind words of advice, given with such rare grace and delicacy. Yes, that is the word—delicacy; for your class, from its colors, green and yellow, to the advice given us here to-night, are deliciously delicate.

I do not know which is the more valuable, the advice which you have given us or the key. There is more of the first, but I think now that it has been given away, that is, has been weighed, the key will be found to be more weighty.

Do you suppose, seniors, that you have fulfilled the hopes expressed by last year's class for your future as seniors?

Have you the sweet and complacent satisfaction of knowing that you are as worthy of the key as were your illustrious predecessors?

This key; what emotions fill me as I gaze upon it! How many, many days, when lessons have been almost impossible to get, have we looked at your calm and intellectual faces and turned to the key, almost tempted to filch it from you. "A mighty yearning, like the first fierce impulse unto crime."

What associations are connected with the key. Well do I remember how only a short year ago it was presented to you, class of '93, by the class of '92. How grandly you arose to the occasion! Words, like pearls of priceless value, fell from the lips of her who accepted it on behalf of your class. It is your last and priceless legacy. Oh, we shall treasure and revere the key. We will watch it even as you used to watch the school-room clock during recitation hours, waiting for the professor to press the button while you did the rest, that is, rested. And then, when class was dismissed, how softly you opened the door. We could never tell by sound when you were excused. It was only the noiseless gliding figures that informed us.

What a quiet, unassuming class you were. Indeed, a contrast to last year's seniors. Veritable warriors they during their class meetings. Often have I gone home from school with a headache, the stillness was so intense while you were present. The poet would not have longed "for a lodge in some vast wilderness" had he once visited our school while you were there. We shall come, ever following your worthy example, early in the morning and cover the strings of the piano with papers, so that when we sing the morning hymn it will be accompanied by a strange, whistling sound, which someone said resembled the strains of your quartet. But be assured that we consider this a gross and indecent libel. For your class was a class of remarkable musical ability. Indeed, there was not a member of your class "who hath no music in his soul." Even the shoes which you wore seemed to be full of agonizing solos. And why should your class not be musically inclined? Did you not have the key pitched high above your heads for a whole year?

We will wait until the junior class holds its meeting for the selection of class colors. Then we will laugh and scoff at the selection. But after several days we will come to school with a restless, disappointed look on our faces, suggestive of a need of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that excellent remedy for that tired feeling. We will hold a senior class meeting and proceed to adopt one, or perhaps even both, of the much despised colors.

We shall also detail three of our members to sit in the recitation room who shall silently stalk forth and take seats with their classic backs to the school. And what a fondness your class did show for the front seats. How grave and distinguished you used to look sitting among the members of '95.

Class of '93, for your many kindly acts we thank you. Let me now take opportunity to thank the members of your class who so kindly stayed and cleaned out our desks. Their names, which they in their modesty tried to conceal, are known and engraved on the everlasting tablets of our hearts. "Grand old man" of the senior class, for such you are to us, for your words of advice we thank you. You have the honor of speaking on behalf of a class that goes forth to become the world's greatest men or menace. We cannot fill your place. Pardon me for committing an act, which on another occasion would be considered almost a crime, namely, of replying to a senior. Class of '93, the class of '94 wish you God speed and a happy and successful voyage on life's ever changing sea.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '93.

AGNES PLANT FISHER.

As I have been chosen to execute the cumbrous duties of historian for the class of '93, I will endeavor to relate the daring and famous deeds of our three years in the High School to be put in the annals of Rutland's worthies. I feel of course a little timid to-night to take my place among the Bancrofts, the Prescotts and the long line of historians who have helped to write the deeds of America's great men. But like them I shall endeavor to tell our good actions and leave our bad ones to your own Yankee skill to be guessed at. It is with a feeling of sadness as well as gladness that we greeted this day, for we realize that for a majority of our class, our happy school days are ended. For the schoolmates left behind in the pleasant school-room, which has grown dear to us, it means a long vacation, to go back refreshed, to take up their duties as of old. Do not wonder, then, that it is with pleasant remembrances that we now look back upon our last three

years of school life. We entered the High School room as Grammar A's, numbering about forty. That year we were under the guidance of Prof. Wilson. Nothing of special notice took place this year, that is, nothing *great* or *awful*. Of course some of us had to swallow the usual allopathic doses of Latin, while some of us naturally aspired to cultivate the art of mischief, for when did any ambitious young aspirant for High School honors not imagine that whatever studies he might pursue, this branch must receive careful attention? But thanks to the different dispositions of those who held the rod of empire, our morals gradually improved; we were no longer anxious to graduate in mischief but became the sober, sedate and very proper persons that you behold us tonight. Now as the next year dawned upon us as C's, we began to take more interest in school and worked to do credit to somebody if we could. This year we had a new principal—Prof. Ellsworth with Miss Kelley and Miss Walker as assistants. One great sorrow fell upon us this year, for the Great Teacher over all saw fit to choose from among us our beloved classmate, Lela Sanford, March 7th, to be fitted in a higher school. As we became B's we dipped into hard work, we may say, with general good will. We had the closing year in sight and the thought of the end gave us a spur to hard work. This year we had one new teacher, Miss Clapp, who took the place of Miss Walker, whose health did not permit her to return.

At the close of the year we were very much disappointed to learn that Mr. Ellsworth, who had worked so earnestly with our class, was not to return the next year. However, we have had fortunately one who has worked as eagerly and earnestly. We also had a new assistant, Miss Hunt, in place of Miss Clapp.

This last year as A's we number twenty, besides two who have taken special courses. We have honored the good old custom of exchanging photographs, having a class ride, flower, emblem, motto, colors, and so have tried to be as proper as possible, but I think we have been an extraordinarily quiet and studious class, for we have no class yell, as it is called, and have held but one sociable. During the winter the class formed a club which met Saturday evenings at our different homes in order that we might study the plays of Shakespeare more thoroughly than was possible in the class-room. The young gentlemen of our class were not placed in the embarrassing position at the close of our club meetings like those of last year's class at the close of their sociables. Our class-ride was also a club-ride. On March 1st, at the kind invitation of Miss Childs, the class left in a barge at six o'clock with tin horns and a bugle, all in full blast, for her home at Wallingford, where we read "A Winter's Tale." The party returned at 1:30 (A. M.) the next day, after spending a most enjoyable evening. The buttercup was chosen for the class flower. Our class motto is "*Ex vita scholæ in scholam vitæ*," which being interpreted means "From school life into life's school." This occupies a space on the wall at the right of the desk, and is represented in our class colors of green and gold. Our emblem is a band ring with the raised figures of '93 upon it.

As a faithful historian, I suppose I ought to say that we have had representatives from our class during most of the year in the front seats. During the year we have had our first Annual Prize Speaking, in which two of our class took part, one of whom secured one of the first prizes, the other, one of the second. Through the kindness of Mr. Temple and our teachers, we have had the privilege of going at half-past two instead of three, as we did the first two terms. I will leave the future history of the class in the hands of the prophet.

The last page of our class history in Rutland High School is now written. We leave our somewhat uneventful narrative to be inscribed in the rolls of our school annals. It is not my place to dip into the future. It is my sole duty to tell you of our past alone.

The business of the future of the class of '93, I leave to the truthful vision of our inspired prophet.

CLASS ODE.

When the flush of morning falls
O'er young hope's horizon walls,
Breaking round the sunlit hills
Loud the song of labor thrills
The soul with life:
"Onward, ever onward, strong for the fray!"
Fair the golden laurels won,
Brave the deeds of valor done
In valiant strife.

Day shall flood thy pathway soon
Glorious with the glow of noon;
Then like ocean surge more clear
Rolls the tide upon the ear
Of life's great song:
"Onward, ever onward, strong for the fray!"
Fair the golden laurel's won,
Brave the deeds of valor done
Till ends the wrong.

"Life of school or school of life,"
Rest of home or joy of strife;
Partings come and long farewells,
While the great hymn sinks and swells
And shall not cease:
"Onward, ever onward, strong for the fray!"
Only when the laurel's won,
Only when brave deeds are done,
Seek rest and peace.

CLASS PROPHECY.

PHILIP S. GOULDING.

April 7.—At last, after fourteen years of hard work at this business, I have gained permission from the head of our firm to take a long vacation, six months, if I choose. It has always been a little hard for me to have others take vacations and I work like a slave here; but orders have been so crowded that there has been no chance for vacations before.

April 10.—Vacation fairly begun. Yesterday I received a letter from Tuttle, who has made himself noted as an æronaut, asking me to take a trip with him, to stop at several towns. I I think I shall go, as I need fresh air and a change of scene. We shall start in about three weeks, probably.

May 1.—Started on trip to-day. It seems rather strange, as when I was in school in 1893, the idea of traveling in an air-ship seemed well-nigh impossible, if not lunacy, and here I am in one of the best kind and have just left Boston.

May 6.—Stopped to-day at a place called Branston, Ohio, and, after anchoring, we went down to the ground and looked about us. The town was evidently of considerable size, and directly in front of us, as we entered it, we saw a handsome building with this inscription on its front: "Woman's National Bank." Curious to see a woman's bank, we went in, and upon asking who were its officers, were handed a small circular, and

reading it, saw that the bank was founded in 1904, by a Miss Grace K. Farmer, who was its present president. As we were looking about the roomy building, a lady came in whom I recognized very soon as being Miss Farmer of my old class, though she did not know me. Near this bank was a book store, and conspicuous in its window was a sign which read, "In Best Bindings: Works of Mrs. Anna K. Brigham. Any one wanting a good book should read one of hers." So we bought one, and found that the sign was indeed true. Tuttle then did the business for which he stopped here, and we got into our ship and sailed away again.

May 13.--To-day anchored at a place in Michigan called Greenville, and decided to visit the large college there, called Greenville College. It is for both sexes and has a fine faculty, two of whose members are Miss Inez M. Taylor, the president and instructor of mathematics, and Miss Marie L. Metzger, professor of elocution. We were ushered into the reception room, which was handsomely furnished, and sent our cards to these ladies. The library opened off this room, and while waiting we went into it, and found it a quiet, well-stocked and well furnished room; indeed, the number of books was wonderful, considering the youth of the college. Soon the maid to whom we gave our cards returned and asked us to come to the faculty parlor, which we did, and there met our old-time school friends. They looked the same as in '93, and were as pleasant and hearty as ever. We had a good talk with them, and were then shown around the college—in all being there about two hours.

May 15.—Reached Aurora, Illinois, at ten this morning. Here Tuttle knew one of the wealthy men of the place, who, as soon as he knew we had come, invited us to his house. When we were there he introduced us to his wife, whom I recognized as once having been Addie Schryver of the class of '93. She was very glad to see us and invited us to go to a ball game with her that afternoon. We of course could not refuse, and at the grounds saw upon the score books the name of Bates. I asked Mrs. Eaton if she knew who he was, and she said she understood it was Harry M., who had made himself the greatest and most successful ball player in the country; and, indeed, his work as a pitcher and at the bat was something marvelous. Left there on the 17th, as on the 16th the winds were so strong and variable that Tuttle did not risk starting out.

May 20.—Got into Iowa early this morning, and at noon stopped at the city of Chariton, and here Tuttle had considerable business, so I went on a trip around the city by myself. Saw an advertisement of a matinee concert that afternoon, by the Ladies' Instrumental Society, and decided to go. Upon its programme was the name, prominent above all others, of Annie W. Humphrey, the violin virtuoso. Her playing was exquisite, and she was encored several times. I rejoined Tuttle, and just before we started he said, "I have been talking with W. L. Davis, the great artist and engraver, this afternoon, and he gave me a list of several of our class with their addresses, and I am going to see some of them, as we are on pleasure as much as business." Of course I made no objection, and soon we started, headed a little northeast, for Fort Wayne, Indiana.

May 24.—At Fort Wayne at 7 p. m. to-day. Bought a copy of "The Fort Wayne Daily Times," whose editor was Edith Dunton. We found the building where the paper was published, and went to the editor's room, where we saw Miss Dunton and had quite a talk about politics, her paper and so on. She told us that on that evening there was a lecture at the Union Theatre, by Etta Franklin, and advised us to go, "as," she said, "Miss Franklin is such a fine speaker, it would not do to miss one of her lectures," and assured us it would be worth our money. We took her advice, and found it as she had said. Left directly after the lecture, still headed east, for Canton, Ohio.

May 29.—Williamsport, Pennsylvania, reached at three this afternoon. Here I went to see one of my old friends, Patsy McDonough, who had been nominated, a short time ago, for President. Every one expects great speeches from him, as he has become notorious for his power as an orator. Also here saw Julia Canty, who is a commentator on Shakespeare, and has taken many pupils in the study of him and his work.

June 1.—Got to New York to-day, and there went to the address Davis had given us, to see Arthur Keyes, the scholar of antiquities. He showed us his curious collection, and asked us to stay with him a while, but it was impossible. Went, besides, to a school a little out of the city, upon whose list of instructors we had noticed Agnes Fisher, professor of French and German. We asked for her, but she was busy, so we left cards and regrets.

June 4.—Norwich, Conn. Have been here all day, "seeing people," on business mostly, but besides that, ran across May Jackson as pastor of a large church, and a good pastor, too. Saw, also, Kleber Campbell as leader of a brass band, far superior to Gilmore's of long ago, and heard that he had risen steadily in the musical world ever since his election to the leadership of the West Rutland band.

June 6.—Well, here I am, back in Boston again. Just as we stopped at Tuttle's house there drove up a carriage containing a man whom I at once knew as Lewis. He told me he had a fine place as ticket seller with a large circus. He rode into town with Mary Donnelly, who has become a great milliner in New York State. I shall probably go to visit my old home in Rutland and spend the rest of the summer there.

Notes.

Banquet.

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Prize speaking.

Commencement.

State elocution contest.

The buttercup was the flower of the *Seniors*.

Ned Royce, '95, is visiting the World's Fair.

Tuttle, '93, expects to leave for Chicago on June 28.

J. H. Page, '94, has gone to Chicago to attend the World's Fair.

Keyes, '93, expected to start Wednesday, June 21, for Chicago.

Miss Lucy Cheney, '92, who has been very seriously ill, is much better.

Miss Hunt left on Saturday, June 17, for her home in Westernville, N. Y.

Miss Childs, Sp., who has been very ill, with peritonitis, is improving.

Prof. Colcord expects to spend the first part of his vacation in Rutland.

Miss Parkhurst, '94, returned to school to take the examinations for the term.

Mrs. E. J. Colcord and children left for Boston, Saturday, to pass their vacation.

Fritz Burnham, formerly of '93, graduates this year at Burr and Burton Seminary.

A bicycle club has been formed in this city. It is in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

William Field, formerly a member of the class of '94, expects to return about July 1st.

Mr. J. A. Ellsworth has recently accepted a position in the publishing house of D. C. Heath, Boston.

Miss Kelley started for Chicago on June 19, where she will stay for two weeks, seeing the fair with a party of friends.

The R. H. S. team was defeated in a ball game with the R. E. C I. team, on Friday morning, June 16th, by a score of 21 to 18.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Anna M. Kelley, '93, to Mr. George Brigham, to take place on June 28, at the M. E. Church.

Robert Rice, formerly '93, attended the R. H. S. Commencement exercises. He expects to return to school next year and join the class of '94.

Miss Alice Needham, '85, and Mr O. H. Coolidge were married at her home on Wednesday, June 21. We extend to them our congratulations and wish them a long and blissful wedlock.

Some kind individuals decorated the school room with '93s, some large and others small. Shakespeare and Minerva had their faces turned to the wall, and a little '93 on their backs.

There has been some talk of starting a tennis club in connection with the R. H. S. A. A.

J. E. Clauson, '92, Bates and Tuttle, '93, Stearns and Fisher, '94, will study with Prof. Colcord during the summer.

Harry M. Bates and William S. Tuttle, '93, expect to enter Phillips Academy at Andover, in the fall, preparatory for the Boston School of Technology.

The last meeting of the Minervans was held on Monday, June 12. The young ladies of the class of '96 were invited to be present. The debate was on the subject, Resolved, That the achievement of the American people was greater in gaining independence than in suppressing the rebellion. Affirmative, Misses Hilliard and Murphy; negative, Misses Humphrey and Pratt. The judges decided, 4 to 1, in favor of the affirmative.

On Thursday evening, June 15, the first meeting of the R. H. S. Alumni Association was held in the High School room. About fifty persons were present. Mrs. Edward Dana was chosen secretary of the association. Mr. Temple, as chairman, called the roll of members. An executive committee, consisting of Mrs. W. C. Dunton, E. C. Tuttle, Mrs. F. W. Gary, Miss Lizzie H. Landon, Miss Alice Needham, Mr. Chas. Pennington and W. C. Jenne, was then chosen to draw up a set of by-laws. After some discussion it was voted to elect a president, two vice-presidents and a treasurer. Mr. Temple was elected president; Mrs. Goulding and Mr. Edward Dana, vice-presidents, and Mr. E. C. Tuttle, treasurer. The officers of the association and the executive committee were designated a committee to arrange for the next meeting. The association then adjourned until June, 1894.

Have you enjoyed this department of THE R. H. S. NOTES?

THE MUSICALE.

The fourth annual Musicale of the R. H. S. was held on Wednesday evening, May 31, in City Hall. Owing to the intense heat during the day and the various other entertainments which occurred on that evening, rather a small audience was present, but in all other respects the Musicale was a decided success. The trimming of the hall, under the direction of Miss Hunt, was tastily done with evergreens and ferns. In the afternoon Miss Alice Childs was suddenly taken seriously ill and consequently could not act as accompanist in the evening. In this emergency the school was fortunate enough to secure the services of Miss Mabel Carpenter, who deserves much credit and many thanks for the manner in which she served. The programme opened with Cowen's "Bridai Chorus," by the school. This was especially appropriate for an opening chorus, and was loudly applauded. Following was a piano duet, "A Country Dance," Nevin, by Misses Carpenter and Spafford, who rendered it in a skillful manner, remarkable for the clearness and decision with which each note was played. Miss Anna Kelley then sang a solo, "Two Marionettes," Cooke. Her unusually strong and brilliant voice was displayed to good advantage in this charming song. Next, Muskinski's "In a Gondola" was given by the school, after which Miss Mattie Martel played, with a truly artistic touch, Wollenhauft's "Morceau." Her fine and delicate execution was highly pleasing to the audience, as they signified by loudly encoring her. This was followed by a "Lullaby" from Erminie by Jakobouski, which was given by Misses Metzger, Humphrey, Gilmore, Fuller, Trask, Wilcox, Woodfin and Martel. It was sung without any accompaniment, which made it very effective. The chorus, "Happy and Light," from Bohemian Girl, by Balfe, opened part second of the programme. Miss Childs' piano solo, "Narcissus," by Nevin, and "Souvenir de Varsovienne," by Schulhoff, was the next number, but owing to her absence was necessarily omitted. Molloy's "Song of the Triton" was then sung by the '93 quartette, consisting of Misses Kelley and Jackson, Messrs. Campbell and Lewis. This selection was very well rendered considering that it was the quartette's first appearance. Messrs. Hamilton and Sanford followed with a banjo duet, "American Patrol," Lansing. This was so greatly appreciated by the audience that the young men were twice encored. Following came a vocal duet, "Go, Pretty Rose," Marzials, by Misses Metzger and Norton. The selection was sung with much expression and was well suited to the sweet soprano voices of the singers. Last but not least was Gounod's "Soldiers' Chorus," from Faust, by the school. The parts were so excellently balanced in this that it was considered to be the best of all the choruses. Although this closed the musicale programme, yet the programme for the evening was far from finished, for it was here announced that there would be dancing, in which all who desired were invited to participate. The dance was the main feature for the rest of the evening, and so closed the most successful of the R. H. S. musicales.

THE BANQUET.

The victory gained at the Elocution Contest was fitly celebrated by the High School and their friends in a banquet at the Bardwell House on the evening of June 4.

Again Landlord Carpenter served the High School with a victorious menu, the enjoyment of which was greatly augmented by the presence of the young ladies of the school, who were absent at the last banquet.

After the discussion of the viands, the following *toasts* were responded to, A. H. Keyes acting as toast-master in a very witty manner.

The toast, "The Crimson and White," was responded to by John B. Stearns, who said in part: This is the second occasion upon which these em-

blematical colors have been worn at these boards. At that time they were comparatively unknown, but since then they have been seen upon many occasions and have become, through the medium of our debates, musicals, prize speakings and athletics, a familiar spectacle to the people of our city. After reviewing the many pleasant occasions upon which the Crimson and White had been worn, he concluded by saying that the banquet as a representation of victory was not due to the representatives of the school, but to the professor, whose diligent and faithful training had brought about the result.

J. Earle Clauson responded to the toast, "The Press," in a witty and highly amusing speech, in which he described at length the different kinds of presses (known only to young gentlemen alumni). He dwelt longest, however, upon the cider press, which seemed to have a fascination for the speaker.

Mr. H. M. Bates, Jr., responded to the toast, "The Ladies." He said that the success of a former occasion was greatly impaired by their absence and that their presence this evening was the result of a grave resolve made at that time never to celebrate another victory without them. And now as we had invited them we should treat them well. Therefore he would stop talking and give them a chance, as he had been told that they disliked nothing so much as being obliged to refrain from speaking.

The toast, "The Prize Speaking," was responded to by Prof. Colcord, in which he dwelt mostly upon the great benefit and greater need of elocutionary training in schools. With the progress of the world, he said, it was becoming more and more requisite. Public questions were to be discussed, and public debates must be carried on, and the persons who could present the facts in the clearest and most tangible form, and keep the attention of the audience, were the ones that would succeed. He also called attention to the great need of better speaking in places of amusement, and said that he considered competition contests a great auxiliary in producing these results.

E. V. N. Harwood responded to the impromptu toast, "Who Caught the Trout?" This was the outcome of an unfortunate canard that said gentleman had upon a former occasion baited his hook with filthy lucre, thereby beguiling a 2 pound 6 oz. trout from waters in Danby.

Mr. Harwood appeared surprised, nearly as much so, he said, as when he caught the fish, but proceeded forthwith to rise to the occasion, even as he had risen to take the trout, and related one of the most marvelous fish stories on record. Indeed it was hard at times to proceed, so numerous were the low, incredulous whistles that coiled themselves into interrogation points and floated warningly about the speaker's head. At the close of the story the prudent members of the party (non-fishermen) who seemed to have been somewhat affected, advised a speedy breaking up, and after a royal Hobble-Gobble, the party dispersed.

THE ELOCUTION CONTEST.

The State Elocution Contest, held June 3, in which the victorious speakers in eight principal schools and academies took part, was a success.

The people of Rutland and vicinity again showed their generosity and interest in our institutions of learning by turning out in large numbers and generously encoring nearly every number on the programme. Again the High School came to the front and showed itself in a manner of which we are proud, and in a way which left no doubt as to where the prizes of the evening belonged. The decision of the judges was popular relative to the prize awarded the gentlemen, but there was some dissent regarding that awarded to the ladies.

The judges, Prof. Davison of Proctor, Miss Newton of West Rutland and Miss Davis of Syracuse, decided unanimously in favor of the following: Ladies—Miss May Sawyer of Saxtons River; gentlemen—Mr. John B. Stearns of Rutland High School.

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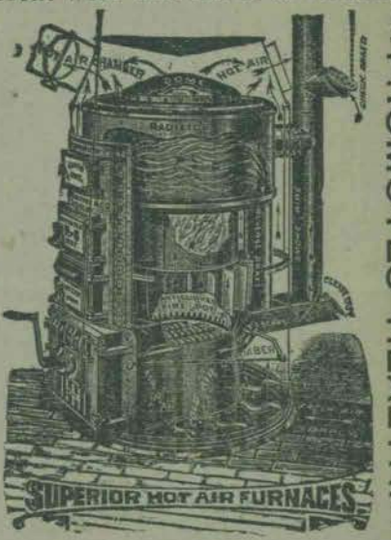

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